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King Hussein opens fully-attended summit

• We are one nation and will remain so. • It is incumbent on us to stand together in defence of our identity. • Main Arab cause is the struggle with Israel. • There's no hope except in unity to face challenges in the Gulf, Palestine and Lebanon. • Internecine fighting is most dangerous to us all. • Bilateral relations are no substitute to joint action. • We believe in rebuilding Arab solidarity and the necessity for collective Arab action. • Our nation and people have waited long for this meeting and representation here will compensate for past delays

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein on Sunday opened a full-scale extraordinary Arab summit with a call on Arab leaders to confront with a united stand threats posed by Iran and Israel to the Arab World.

"We are one nation and we will remain so," the King told the formal opening session of the summit at the Royal Cultural Centre. "Danger impedes us all and it is not confined to one party... once it hits one country, it spreads out all over our countries."

"There is no hope for us except in uniting stands and building our self-power to face the challenges to our national security in the Gulf, in Palestine and in Lebanon," the King said in his 10-minute address to the gathering, which has brought together all Arab League member states for the first time since 1978.

"Threats facing us are numerous," said the King. "But, the most serious is our fragmentation and internal bickering."

The King said the Gulf war "only threatens Iraq alone, but has spread to our brotherly



His Majesty King Hussein at the formal opening of the summit on Sunday. His Majesty is flanked by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi (left). Behind the King are Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem and Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri. Al Syed Al Munji Al Faqih, director of Mr. Klibi's office and counsellor for the Arab League is at extreme left (photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

summit meeting. May I also convey to you the great joy that has overwhelmed us all by your presence here in this steadfast country, and may I also convey to you

true national commitment."

Following is a translated text of the King's speech:

"I greet you in your country Jordan and welcome you to this

deep pride that has filled our souls by your decisio to convene this summit in our small country, which has become great with your presence and will become even

greater through your decisions that would fulfil the aspirations of the Arab Nation.

"I thank God for gathering us together and facilitating our

meeting through which we intend to pursue the course of righteousness and good. We thank God, who united our hearts, making us brothers through His blessings.

"Our nation has waited long for this meeting, and our peoples have been longing for this summit to be convened, for reasons that had frequently developed only to retreat and then to emerge again. Each reason each time was sufficient for a summit meeting by Arab leaders to examine the nation's conditions and look into means of tackling their affairs and taking the initiative towards settling them. God Almighty has allowed this meeting to take place only after all steps had been taken for bringing different views and stands closer together. This complete gathering and representation at different levels is sufficient to compensate for the past delays and can make up for any loss and achieve the aspired objectives.

"Our peoples have long suffered from estrangement, and constant frustration, and from all kinds of sufferings that almost caused them to lose confidence in their capabilities and to capitulate. This is the worst that can befall any nation on earth. This

situation can easily lead a desperate nation to fall victim to indifference and defeatism and to reliance on others.

"For this reason, we believe in the importance of rebuilding solidarity among Arab countries and promoting joint Arab action. Although the majority of Arab states have consolidated their inter-relations and promoted cooperation and understanding among themselves, we still have to strive for pan-Arab action.

"Bilateral Arab relations, though of value and advantage, can never serve as a substitute for pan-Arab action. We are one nation and will remain so... and the danger that is looming in the offing is threatening us all, and is not confined to one country or another...

"Whatever befalls one Arab country will soon to permeate other Arab countries, and for this reason we must stand together to defend our national entity and our Arab Order and our national culture. These are deeply-rooted and were brought to light again in a modern form early this century when our ancestors rose to struggle for Arab unity.

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King, in address to closed summit session, analyses Arab situation and urges firm action

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein urged Arab leaders on Sunday to take a clear and resolute decision to end the Gulf war and for agreement on a mechanism ensuring a proper follow-up and implementation of the decision, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri announced.

Mr. Masri told a press conference that in his speech to the first closed session of the extraordinary Arab summit conference, the King highlighted the similarities between Arab conflicts with Iran and Israel saying that both states had regional designs on Arab territories and that each exploits religion for political purposes.

According to Mr. Masri, who was reading from a prepared statement later handed to reporters,

profit and loss motive in dealing with national issues, with an eye to gain at the state level, despite all indications that this approach is counterproductive."

The King stressed the need to restore vitality to the Arab League and warned that "if this is not done, then the Arabs will have met their enemies halfway in their attempts to weaken the Arab Nation."

According to the statement, the King said that isolating Egypt outside the Arab League "further contributes to weakening the underpinnings of the Arab Order."

Following is the full text of the statement:

His Majesty King Hussein, chairman of the conference, gave a comprehensive 60-minute, three-part speech.

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Promising signs of unanimity seen on first full day of summit

By Bader Abdul Haq
Special to the Jordan Times

WELL-INFORMED Arab sources said Sunday the deliberations of Arab leaders during the first day of the extraordinary Arab summit indicated a minimum level of Arab unanimity over all topics of discussion.

The source told the Jordan Times that His Majesty King Hussein's inaugural speech at the opening ceremony and the subsequent address, as outlined, to journalists by Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, constituted a general framework of the course the summit conference and was welcomed by Arab leaders.

On reconciliation efforts between Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, the source said a three-hour "in-depth dialogue" had taken place between the two leaders in the presence of King Hussein.

The source, however, denied press reports that the two leaders met on Sunday, hours before the official opening of the summit conference. Top-level contacts were to continue through Sunday night to further the reconciliation effort. The source was almost positive that both leaders would meet before Monday morning.

Conference sources say that the Arab leaders are working to draft a compromise formula to be accepted by both sides, a formula that would ask Syria for flexibility on its support for Iran. Iraq's acceptance of the formula would open the door for "a new phase in Syrian-Iraqi relations," a step which will enable the Amman summit conference to bypass the most crucial hurdle before its success; different Arab stands on the Iran-Iraq war and the need to reach Arab unanimity on the subject.

According to the sources the

overnight contacts among the Arab leaders here were bound to be "intensified and diversified" to the extent that the summit might not convene any of its sessions on Monday.

On efforts aimed at arranging a meeting between Mr. Assad and Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, the source said United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan and other Gulf leaders had expressed willingness to join King Hussein in his efforts in that regard.

The source said the question of readmitting Egypt to the Arab League was one of very important topics brought up during bilateral talks.

The general trend now, the source said, is that Arab countries seeking restoration of diplomatic relations with Cairo may do that individually in order to avoid debate and schism.

King holds meeting with leaders of UAE, Algeria and S. Arabia

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein held a meeting on Sunday evening with United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan, Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, and Saudi Crown Prince and First Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz.

The meeting was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, who also is head of Jordan's delegation to the extraordinary Arab Summit conference, and Prime Minister Zaid Rifai.

King holds bilateral talks with Arab leaders in pursuit of coordination

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein on Sunday held separate meetings with Arab leaders attending the extraordinary Arab summit here in pursuit of his relentless efforts aimed to achieve the best level of Arab coordination and unity on vital issues to be tackled by the conference.

The series of talks which the King held over Saturday and Sunday were said to have centred among other things on the summit's expected stand on the Iran-Iraq war and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The King's campaign to smooth out Arab difference and to find common denominators on which Arab unity can be reached has been an important characteristic of Jordan's policy with Arab states. The King's contacts, however, intensified after the Arab foreign ministers' decision last month to hold the summit in Amman.

South Yemen's head of state Haidar Abu Bakr Al Attas held a meeting with Sheikhs Issa and Khalifa Ibn Thani, emir of Qatar, met with Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said of Oman.

President Saleh also met with Mr. Gemayel, who later met with President Benjedid. Mr. Attas held talks with Sudanese head of state Mohammad Mirghani who in turn met with the emir of Bahrain.

The South Yemeni leader met with Sultan Qaboos, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan, Djibouti President Hassan Gouled Aptidon and Syrian Pres-

Klibi: U.N. should expel Iran for its stand over 598

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

ARAB LEAGUE Secretary General Chadli Klibi on Sunday called for the expulsion of Iran from the United Nations if Tehran continues to reject Security Council Resolution 598 in its entirety.

Addressing the formal opening session of the extraordinary Arab summit which was earlier opened by His Majesty King Hussein, Mr. Klibi also called on the Arab leaders gathered here to chart a course of joint action to safeguard Arab national security.

Mr. Klibi noted that despite efforts by Arab states and the international community to seek a peaceful end to the seven-year-old Gulf war, Iran "has insisted on continuing the war."

"Iran has aggravated tension in the region by planting mines in (Arab) territorial and international waters, attacking oil tankers, provoking criminal disorders in the heart of Mecca during the last pilgrimage season and multiplying its threats against the security of Kuwait," Mr. Klibi pointed out.

His Majesty's actions have played an essential role in creating favourable conditions for this summit. Sir, in preparing for this summit, you have, in fact, exerted tremendous efforts and established contacts and consultations with your brothers, the leaders of our countries. Your proceedings have undoubtedly contributed greatly to the realisation of the hopes that our nation has for this conference.

Allow me, sir, to express to you my deepest esteem.

Sir, Majesties, Excellencies, Royal Highnesses.

The convening of this summit, amid a situation marked by increasing aggravations and threats means, above all, that our states are determined to jointly seek the right means to face them.

This is how the forceful bond that links the different parts of our nation is confirmed; this bond groups us on a single front and in a unified effort through a coherent and harmonious vision of our common future — a bond that no other organisation can claim to boast and which has justifiably

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Gulf states said poised to resume ties with Egypt

By Isam Hamza Reuter

GULF Arab states plan to restore full relations with Egypt even if the Arab summit which opened in Amman on Sunday rejects their plea for the formal reinstatement of Cairo, into the Arab League. Gulf delegation sources said.

The sources said the decision was taken in principle by leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) ahead of the summit.

Egypt's Arab League membership was suspended and most Arab countries cut diplomatic ties with Cairo because it signed a separate peace agreement with Israel in 1979.

The GCC states will first urge the summit to agree to the reinstatement of Egypt, the sources said.

"But if the issue is vetoed by any Arab state, the Gulf coun-

tries will restore ties individually," one source said.

The sources said the GCC states would resume full relations within a week.

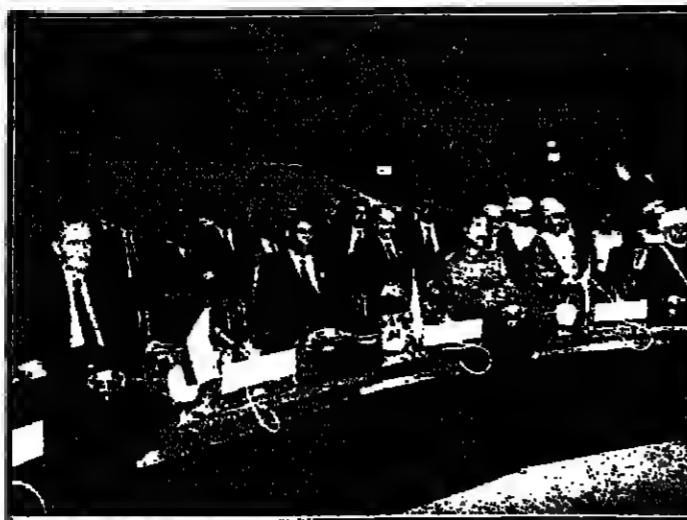
UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan, who chaired Sunday's GCC meeting, said in an eve-of-summit newspaper interview that he would call at the summit for Egypt's return to the Arab League.

Summit delegation sources said Syria, while rejecting Egypt's formal return to the Arab League, accepted that it was powerless to prevent individual states from restoring ties.

All Arab League decisions have to be taken unanimously.



His Majesty the King escorts Iraqi President Saddam Hussein



A view of the delegations attending the opening session. (From right) Iraq's President Saddam Hussein, Somalia's President Mohammad Siad Barre and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan talks to Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)



His Majesty King Hussein greets Tunisia's newly appointed Foreign Minister Mahmoud Al Mestiri

Lebanese labour leader urges continuity of strike

BEIRUT, Lebanon (Agencies) — The leading labour official pledged Sunday a four-day-old strike to protest the worst economic crisis in Lebanon's modern history "will continue indefinitely" until leaders take measures to halt the deterioration.

Antoine Bishara, president of the General Confederation of Labour Unions (GCLU), held a news conference at the no-man's land on the "green line" that splits Beirut into mainly Muslim and Christian sectors that grocers and butchers would be allowed to function three hours a day as of Monday.

Mr. Bishara praised the "public's perfect response in the strike call," and declared: "We shall continue the strike until the necessary legislations to curb the current financial crisis are promulgated."

The 500,000-member GCLU is pressing the government, parliament and various Falangists and opposition militia commandos to bury their civil war animosity and take adequate measures to stop the decline of the Lebanese currency.

The pound's nosedive against foreign currencies has sent prices skyhigh in a nation that imports 85 per cent of its imports. It has also created acute shortages of food, fuel and other basic commodities.

Once the soundest Middle Eastern currency, the pound has sunk to a record low of 700 to the dollar in the Beirut money market.

Sudan says army killed 579 southern rebels

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudanese troops killed 579 rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) in an attack on a rebel camp in the Upper Nile region, the military said on Sunday.

An armed forces statement broadcast by state Radio Omdurman said the soldiers overran the camp, seizing 145 rifles, seven artillery pieces and ammunition. They were still pursuing fleeing

rebels, the statement said, without saying when fighting started.

(Rebel SPLA radio termed the Sudanese Armed Forces' account "wishful thinking."

(The radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, quoted the rebels' deputy zonal commander of northern Upper Nile, Col. Mayol Nzial, as saying rebel forces held full control of war-affected areas.)

Sudan on Friday said 347 rebels were killed in the attack but Radio Omdurman said on Sunday the death toll had been revised after a more thorough search for bodies.

SPLA rebels have been fighting in South Sudan since 1983 in a bid to overthrow the Khartoum government and gain a greater say for ethnic and religious minorities in the running of Sudan.

"I don't care," said Abdallah Al Alchai as he accepted \$100 for a watch he said had cost him \$1,500.

French want Mitterrand statement on Iran scandal

PARIS (R) — Most French think Socialists' President Francois Mitterrand owes the country an explanation about illegal arms exports to Iran while his party was in power, according to a poll published on Sunday.

Mitterrand has been silent on accusations last week that he failed to stop the arms exports, and France's conservative government has declined to challenge them.

The poll, in the Journal Du Dimanche, indicated that 64 per cent believed Mitterrand should make a statement on the affair.

A government report last week said the Luchaire arms company shipped off half a million high-calibre artillery shells to Iran between 1983 and 1986 using circuitous routes and false end-user certificates.

Group claims uncovering plot to kill Abu Nidal

BEIRUT (R) — Abu Nidal's Palestinian group said on Saturday it had uncovered a plan to kill its leaders and had executed the plotters.

The statement, typewritten in Arabic, did not say where the attack would take place but said it was timed to go ahead before the Arab summit beginning in Amman on Sunday.

Abu Nidal is the nom de guerre of Sabri Al Banna, one of the world's most wanted guerrillas whose organisation has been blamed for some 20 terrorist outrages in Europe, America and the Middle East.

"It reveals the hostile intentions which seeks to internationalise the conflict in Chad and... is a direct intervention by direct military means in this conflict," the statement said.

Swedish arms dealer reportedly used CIA-controlled airline for Iran sales

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — A Swedish arms dealer accused of smuggling war material to Iran shipped the weapons on the CIA-controlled St. Lucia Airways, a Swedish newspaper reported Sunday.

Karl-Erik Schmitz twice chartered St. Lucia airplanes to fly a total of 33.1 tonnes of war material from Sweden to Iran.

Mr. Schmitz is being prosecuted in Sweden for having assisted Swedish arms company Bofors AB in smuggling 230 tonnes of gunpowder to Iran in 1984-85.

A special commission appointed by President Ronald

Reagan to investigate the Iran-contra affair said St. Lucia Airways was controlled by the CIA.

The commission, headed by former Senator John Tower, investigated secret U.S. arms sales to Iran and the diversion of profits from those sales to the contraband fighters to overthrow Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government.

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Libya: Stingers show direct U.S. involvement

ROME (AP) — Libya on Sunday said Washington's decision to supply Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Chad represented direct U.S. military intervention in the border conflict.

"America supplying this type of weapon is a direct threat to the security of Libya," the Libyan Foreign Ministry said in a statement carried by the Libyan News Agency (JANA).

The U.S. government's decision "confirms its hostile attitude which seeks to internationalise the conflict in Chad and... is a direct intervention by direct military means in this conflict," the statement said.

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While the two countries are officially observing a truce, Chad claims that Libya continues overflights of its territory.

Iran's Guards warn U.S. 'to expect attacks'

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Abu Nidal's Revolutionary Guards Corps commander has warned that the United States must "expect attacks from our fighters" while it stays in the Gulf, Tehran Radio reported.

The official radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Mohsen Rezaie as saying the Americans have allied themselves with Iraq in the 7-year-old Gulf war "and the issue of their neutrality in the war no longer has any value."

He declared: "So long as the Americans are present in the Gulf they will have to expect attacks from our fighters."

For every attack by the U.S. Navy, Iran will deliver "a power-

ful blow" in return, the radio quoted Mr. Rezaie as saying.

"We select our targets with coolness and attack them," he said.

He did not elaborate. But Mr. Rezaie's forces control the Silk-worm missiles the Iranians have used to attack Kuwaiti oil installations in a tit-for-tat campaign for U.S. actions against Iranian boats and oil platforms in the Gulf.

The Revolutionary Guards also use armed speedboats to attack neutral ships in the Gulf in retaliation for Iraqi raids on Iranian tankers.

"The Americans have been flexing their muscles in the Gulf

to stop us from attaining a great victory," Mr. Rezaie said.

"Now we're waiting for a greater victory — the retreat in disgrace by American from the Gulf."

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Iranians linked to Irish arms ship

LONDON (R) — Iran is believed to have been involved in the shipment of arms aboard a coaster seized by France and the weapons were planned for use against British and American targets, the Sunday Telegraph newspaper said.

It said intelligence experts in London, Paris and Washington were convinced that the 150-tonne cargo found aboard the coaster Eksund on Oct. 30 was intended not only for Irish guerrillas but also to equip an Iranian terror network across Western Europe.

Iran has threatened to hit back at the United States and its allies over intervention in the Gulf to keep shipping lanes open. The Sunday Telegraph said dozens of Iranian agents were believed to have been assigned to Europe, awaiting orders to attack U.S. and other Western officials or targets it necessary.

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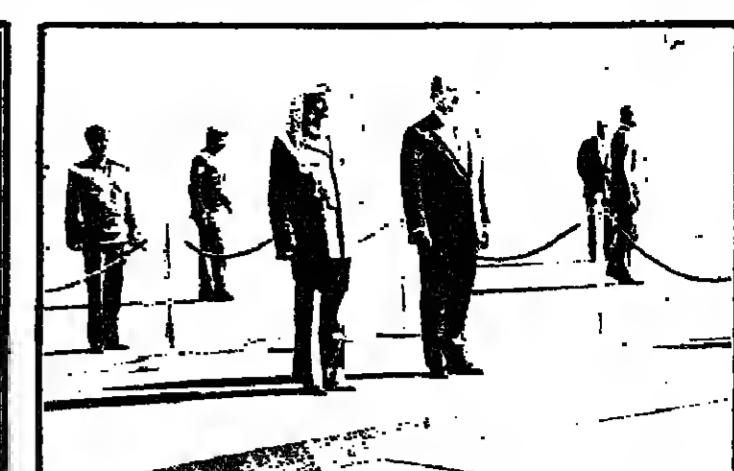
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Foreign Minister Mohammad Al Amin Ould Injian of Mauritania



Crown Prince Sidi Muhammad of Morocco

Jordanians view summit with great anticipation

By a Jordan Times
Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordanians were glued to their television and radio sets for more than an hour Sunday evening as His Majesty King Hussein made his keynote address to the opening session of the Arab Nation's long-awaited extraordinary summit conference.

People watching the summit's colourful opening ceremony, or listening to their radio sets trying to picture the whole event, while eagerly awaiting the King's welcoming speech, were heartened by the fact that representatives of the Arab League's 24 active member countries finally made their way to Amman.

"I left whatever I was doing and stuck my head into the TV to make sure that what I was seeing was not a dream. If it was not for my TV set, I would have never believed that the representatives of the millions of my Arab brethren finally met," said a prominent researcher.

Fifteen Arab heads of state, including kings and sheikhs, the crown princes of Saudi Arabia

and of Morocco, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the foreign ministers of Tunisia and Libya are all here, making the event the first fully-attended Arab summit since the 1978 summit in Baghdad.

Flags of the participating countries added colour and vibrance to the Jordanian capital as King Hussein and his guests, many in their traditional Arab robes, whisked their way through the freshly-paved roads to attend a conference, which represents a final hope for the return to collective Arab action.

A renowned political analyst said he was struck by King Hussein's speech, which he believed was "the final alarm for Arabs to ensure the continuation of the Arab Order and to ensure the Arab national security."

"I've never heard anything as frank as what the King said in his speech regarding the need for a collective Arab action to tackle all threats facing us," said one of the senior officials who was present during the summit's inaugural ceremony.

Nearly 400 exclusive invitees made their way to the Royal

Cultural Centre (RCC) to attend the opening session as police and armed forces personnel kept a tight security lid in and around the area. Those attending the opening included former Jordanian prime ministers, cabinet members, top military and civil officials, notables and dignitaries, members of the diplomatic corps, special invitees and members of the 21 Arab delegations.

The exclusive guests were the first to arrive at the RCC. They were guided to their assigned seats by officials from the Department of Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, assisted by women dressed in handcrafted traditional Jordanian and Palestinian dresses.

As participant delegations sat in their assigned seats around the summit's horseshoe-shaped table, anticipating the Arab leaders' gala entrance, a number of them were seen shaking hands and kissing their colleagues. Others were nervously nodding their heads and whispering in the ears of their neighbours.

A mixed mood of optimism coupled with scepticism among the delegations was broken when

all present in the hall stood up to welcome the Arab leaders and representatives as they entered following their host, King Hussein.

The silence that preceded this entrance was interrupted for 15 minutes when more than 120 local, Arab and foreign photo-journalists and members of television crews rushed in to take snap shots of the historic gathering.

All eyes were focusing on King Hussein as he delivered his 10-minute inaugural speech from beneath a huge summit emblem — the symbol of the Arab League.

Wearing a dark suit, King Hussein, the chairman of the conference, was surrounded by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Qasem, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi, and Mr. Al Sayed Al Munji Al Faqih, director of Mr. Klibi's office and advisor at the Arab League.

In his 20-minute speech to the opening session, Mr. Kithi called for collective action in order to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 598 in its entirety.

Both King Hussein's and Mr. Kithi's speeches made a direct link between the continuation of the Iran-Iraq war and its dangerous effects on the Arab Order.

Following the 35-minute opening ceremony, and apart from the official delegations accompanying each head of state or representative, the exclusive invitees were asked to leave the hall to prepare for the summit's first series of closed sessions.

The first closed session included a comprehensive 60-minute speech by His Majesty, which tackled all pressing issues facing the Arab Nation.

The official Jordanian delegation to the summit is headed by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and includes: Mr. Rifai, Mr. Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Abdul Wahab Al Majali, Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dardin, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and Finance Minister Hanna Odeh.

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All Arab League members attend Amman summit

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Amman summit became the first fully-attended summit since 1978 with the Sunday arrivals of seven heads of Arab delegations to the meeting.

The seven leaders who arrived in Amman on Sunday were accorded official welcome ceremonies at the airport.

Among those arriving Sunday was Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz, first deputy prime minister of Saudi Arabia, who was accompanied by Foreign Minister Prince Saad Al Faisal and a six-member delegation.

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front the Arabs — a situation requiring maximum cooperation and alertness. The Arabs are confronted with the issue of Israel's occupation of Arab territory, the question of Lebanon, the Gulf conflict and security in the Gulf region," Crown Prince Abdulla said. He said that Saudi Arabia has sought to maintain Arab solidarity and hopes that this meeting will be crowned with success.

Also arriving Sunday was the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, who was accompanied by the Kuwaiti delegation. His Majesty King Hussein led Jordanian officials at a ceremony to welcome the Kuwaiti emir.

Another arrival on Sunday was

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat who was welcomed by Mr. Rifai and Jordanian officials, as well as Mr. Klibi.

Libya's delegation to the summit is headed by Major Abdul Salam Jalloud, who arrived in Amman Sunday and was welcomed by Mr. Rifai and other ministers.

Meanwhile, Sudanese head of state Ahmad Al Mirghani, who arrived here Saturday at the head of his delegation to the meeting, made a statement to Petra in which he expressed optimism about the summit's success. He said that the summit was deemed necessary in view of the host of problems and difficulties the Arab Nation is now facing.

In a statement upon arrival, Sheikh Khalifa said that he was optimistic that the summit would yield fruitful results. "The Arab Nation has waited so long for this meeting, which is seen as instrumental to reestablishing solidarity among Arab states," Sheikh Khalifa said.

Prince Mohammad, the crown prince of Morocco, arrived Sunday leading his country's delegation to the meeting. He was welcomed at the airport by Prince Hassan and Jordanian officials, as well as Mr. Klibi.

Tunisian Foreign Minister Mahfoud Al Mestiri arrived later in Amman. Mr. Mestiri and the Tunisian delegation were welcomed by Mr. Masri and other Jordanian officials.

Mauritania is represented by a delegation led by Foreign Minister Mohammad Al Amin Ould Injian, who arrived in Amman Saturday night to take part in the summit meeting.

King opens summit

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"The sources of dangers and threats we face have become numerous but the most devastating ones are those that are within us... the divisions and internecine strife; these are the sources of ills and tribulation. There is no means for salvation except through offsetting and overcoming these sources of trouble, and there is no hope except through unity of ranks and rebuilding our intrinsic force. We are capable of confronting the threats posed to our nation in the Gulf, Palestine and Lebanon."

"The Iran-Iraq war has now entered its eighth year and assumed serious national and international dimensions. This is no more confined to Iraq alone... but has now extended to engulf brotherly Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. What is happening is not a mere Iraqi-Iranian conflict, but it is rather more serious one that is threatening the security of the whole region and the world peace at large; and it is also a threat to the Arab Order."

"We should all confront it together in true commitment to our ancestors who offered sacrifices to lay down this order and to defend it; and in honour of our martyrs who offered their souls for its survival; and also for the sake of our future generations who aspire for a free life in a secure and prosperous nation."

"The Gulf war has brought about complications that we still witness their consequences in the

Wife of French hostage in Lebanon appeals to Arab leaders to assist in husband's release

By Najwa Najjar
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — While all eyes are on the leaders attending the Arab summit in hopes that they will solve some of the problems besieging the Arab World, one pair of eyes, in particular, is focused on the summiters in hope that one of them will help mediate the release of a French hostage in Lebanon.

The wife of the French hostage Jean Paul Hauffmann, Joelle Hauffmann, arrived in Amman on Saturday night to seek fresh help from anyone who is willing to assist in the release of her husband, who has been held in captivity for the last twenty-nine months.

Mr. Hauffmann, 44, was kidnapped on his way to Beirut from the airport outside the Lebanese capital on May 22, 1985. He was in Beirut to report for his weekly paper in Paris l'Evenement du Jeudi.

The first of five video cassettes Mrs. Hauffmann received came one week after the kidnapping; the last on Aug. 21, 1987. The tapes, which were sent to a foreign press agency, confirmed that her husband was alive, and all included a communiqué that said Mr. Hauffmann was kidnapped because France's policies supported Iraq.

Two of the kidnappers asked for the 17 prisoners in Kuwait, held for sabotaging U.S. and French targets, to be released as a precondition for the release of any French hostages in Lebanon.

The finger has been pointed to the pro-Iranian Islamic group, Hizbullah, as the kidnappers. It is common knowledge that Hizbullah has kidnapped the French journalists and diplomats in Lebanon, in retaliation for the pro-Iraqi stance held by the French government," said Mrs. Hauffmann.

"We are not saying that the Iranians are directly responsible; but they do have considerable influence on Hizbullah, and they have helped in releasing some of the hostages in the past," said Mrs. Hauffmann. She believes the real problem is France selling arms to the Iraqi regime.

The French government has tried to normalize relations with Iran through payments outstanding debt from the pre-revolutionary period. The Shah allegedly gave the French government one billion dollars for the construction of a nuclear reactor. Last year, when France repaid one-third of the loan, and five hostages were released. Those released included two elderly French people who were living in Beirut and three French journalists, who were held in captivity since March 8, 1985. They too and two other journalists had come to Beirut to gather more information on the alleged killing of French researcher Michel Seurat, who was kidnapped with Mr. Hauffmann.

Mrs. Hauffmann said that Hizbullah, who kidnapped the French citizens, had said that Mr. Seurat was killed because of the deportation of two Iraqis, who had opposed the Iraqi regime, to Iraq. Many Arabs were deported in response to the terrorist attacks which took place in France last year, she explained.

To date, seven French citizens, including three journalists and two diplomats are missing in Lebanon. Their release is sought by the Paris-based group, friends of Jean Paul Hauffmann. The group, which has over 150,000 supporters and over 200 activists ranging from Arabists to journalists, was founded in May 24, 1985 by a friend of Mr. Hauffmann's, Michel Cantal Dupart. Mr. Dupart, who is in Amman with Mrs. Hauffmann, said: "We have our own contacts, and although we inform the French government of what we do, all we do is on our own initiative."

Mrs. Hauffmann explained that the purpose of their visit to Amman is a continuation of their search for a solution. "We are not here to accuse anyone; rather, we want to continue extending our hand of friendship to the Arab World, and to say that the acts of Hizbullah do not punish anyone but the hostages and their families, and that these actions are wrong for all Arabs and for Islam. Innocent people should not pay for the policies of their governments," she said.

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Jamal Abdul Nasser, to further his dream of Arab unity, called for annual Arab summits in 1964 and hosted the first one in Alexandria.

Bur Egypt has been excluded from the Arab League since a 1978 summit in Baghdad which condemned its separate peace treaty with Israel. Only 12 regular summits have been held since Nasser made his call, the last one in Fes.

This year's summit is the fourth since the start of the Iran-Iraq war in September 1980. The issue is expected to dominate discussions at the meeting.

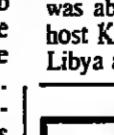
The first Fez summit in 1981 was aborted after four hours by host King Hassan II when Syria, Libya and Algeria failed to show up.

The second Fez summit in 1982 achieved unanimity on a Middle East peace plan which, for the first time, implicitly recognised Israel.

But numerous attempts to bring Arab leaders together since then have failed, largely because the Gulf war has divided ranks.

Here is a full list of states attending the Amman talks: Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, North Yemen, and South Yemen.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation is also represented by its leader, Yasser Arafat.



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A new start

SINCE they became fixtures on the Arab political scene, summit conferences have taken on unparalleled importance whenever they are organised and held, especially at times of heightened disputes and turmoil. In a way, this is analogous to the Arab propensity for making the best of the situation that prevails, no matter how deep or burning the scars of the ever-present reality.

In that sense, even those who doubt the usefulness or viability of attempts to achieve Arab consensus or joint Arab action on every issue of the day can perceive the value in regular clearing of the air and review of the present circumstances confronting the Arab Nation.

All this applies to the current Amman Arab summit, with the added factor that this meeting is taking place at an extraordinary moment in the history of the Arab World. We think, even after only one day of its opening, that the summit proves beyond the shadow of any doubt that there is much to be said about staging such gatherings in spite, or even because of, differences of perception and approach, existing across the Arab World. We think, furthermore, that the current summit will result in a significant narrowing and easing of those differences, if only because they have been brought out into the open in a mature and candid way, like a family sorting out its internal stresses and strains.

The speech of His Majesty King Hussein at the opening of the summit conference yesterday was very helpful in sharpening the focus of those attending the meeting on the essential issues facing the Arab family. His Majesty dealt directly with inter-Arab disagreements and disputes which have afflicted the Arab World for so long, and with how these differences have crippled collective Arab action to the detriment of the nations' higher interests.

Everyone listening, from the conferees themselves to the man-and-the-woman-in-the-street, must have benefited from the King's frank analysis of the present Arab situation. All are unite in cherishing the hope that the Amman summit will produce significant results aimed at ameliorating the Arab economic and political position at this juncture. We think by holding the summit with full attendance by the members of the Arab League, a good start has been made towards that end.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Welcome to Jordan

We welcome the Arab leaders in Amman and we take heart from their optimistic statements made upon their arrival here in which they expressed full understanding of the responsibilities they shoulder and the dangers they face along with their nation. No one can doubt the Arab credibility which these leaders will now reaffirm and no one doubts that the Arab countries possess huge potentials which the leaders will now put to good use and in the service of their nation. The leaders meeting in Amman now hold in their power vital and decisive decisions which can shape the future of the Arab World and the destiny of its coming generations. Their summit opening Sunday presents a golden chance for offering service to the Arab Nation through unity of ranks and agreement on joint action in which the Arab masses believe and which the Arab leaders are expected to adopt. The Arab masses believe that the road is quite open before their leaders to regain their solidarity in the face of common challenges and threats. The Arab leaders meeting in Amman have the experience, the potential and the determination to act and also enjoy the confidence of their people who now watch and listen. The Arab masses expect harmony, agreement and joint action in the face of their common enemies, and measures to be taken to rid the nation from divisions and problems; and most importantly action vis-a-vis the Gulf war and the occupied Palestinian land. No one can doubt that the Arab heads of state will try to find the shortest way for agreement, and the most effective means for regaining solidarity and adopting common action to deter their enemies and stop aggression on Arab territory. The meeting being held in Amman, not far away from Jerusalem should remind the Arab heads of state of the occupied territory, the captive holy city and the usurped rights of the Palestinian people. Regaining Arab right, part of the duty of Arab leaders, and safeguarding Arab security remains a priority which these leaders will no doubt work to achieve.

Al Dustour: Arabs look at summit with hope

THE Arab leaders open an extraordinary meeting in Amman Sunday to review the situation in the Arab World and to deal with questions of vital interest to their Arab masses. As the summit meeting convenes amidst great hopes and aspirations, the eyes and the hearts of the Arab people everywhere focus on Amman and await constructive results and agreement on means of confronting challenges and threats. As the Arab leaders meet the challenges continue and the threats and dangers escalate, giving further importance to the summit meeting and doubling the responsibilities and also the efforts of the heads of state whose countries are overburdened with sufferings and tragedies and internal problems. It is because of these facts that the Arab masses at large have been showing interests in this summit, and it is because they have hopes and aspirations to fulfil that they look to these leaders. The Arab masses and their leaders realise that it is too late for further procrastination and delay of serious action. They all realise the seriousness of the situation as a result of continued divisions within the Arab World, continued occupation of Arab land and continued aggression on Arab territory. The Arab leaders have met to confront these issues and it is hoped that they will do all that in their power to come up with solutions. We warmly welcome the Arab leaders in Amman and look forward to their declaration of solidarity and their joint action to serve their

Inter-Arab relations need a new framework

By Waleed Sadi

TO BE fair about it, neither the Arabs nor the other worlds can expect the on-going Amman Arab summit to make miracles in the short time available to it. The issues before the Amman summit are not only numerous but formidable as well. To cite just one example or two, neither the Palestinian conflict nor the Iran-Iraq war can be addressed and rectified fully in such a short time. This is not to mention other endemic crisis as the one that is still engulfing Lebanon. The seeds of such conflicts had been sown several decades ago and no "miracle medicine" can be had by the stroke of a magical wand. Yet the Arab World continues to cling to the hope that such Arab gatherings as the one currently convening between Arab kings and heads of state contain the elusive panacea to Arab woes and challenges. The root of such an optimism could be found in the Arab tribal tradition which continues to permeate life in all its aspects in the Arab Nation including its political dimensions. The sight of Arab leaders kissing one another on the cheeks especially if followed by warm embraces or hugs was normally enough to enflame the hearts of Arabs everywhere with euphoria and optimism. We the Arabs often remind ourselves that we are prone to forgive and forget as fast as we are liable to be engulfed in rage and revenge. But after a series of Arab summits, which left most if not all of our crises in the Arab World intact and unscathed, the Arab peoples have grown to comprehend that the differences between the Arab countries often transcend the personal relations between the Arab leaders. Unfortunately, with the emergence of nation-states within the greater one Arab Nation, there grew and developed competitive national interests between the Arab countries which have their roots and motivation in the very fact that the existing sovereign Arab states are in fact the anti-thesis of the postulation and positivism that one common destiny guides the one Arab Nation from the Gulf to the Ocean.

However, not all is lost on the Arab front which still wages war against Arab division and competitiveness. The executive branch of Arab governments is all omnipotent, a feature of Arab government that can be put into good use. In fact this characteristic of Arab governments everywhere offers the very propitious opportunity to break away from competitive nation-states within the greater Arab Nation and replace it with cooperative policies and practices that once was dictated and forged by Arab nationalism. Arab leaders have the instantaneous power to sway national and sovereign decisions in the direction of Inter-Arab harmony and cooperative-

nous to such a degree that prompts Arab observers to believe that Arab summits have truly the will and jurisdiction to forge common stands on the most formidable issues and conflicts which have hitherto eluded in-depth Arab consensus and common Arab perspective. It is a feast already to have so many Arab leaders come under one "tent" as it were. It is even a greater accomplishment to have some of the Arab leaders on talking terms again after so many years of mukhabara, which entailed the forsaking of even elementary communication. Viewed from this perspective and vantage point of view the convening of the Amman Arab summit could be just the good beginning which could put the "Arab ship" on the right course once again despite of the great odds against this happening instantaneously. To be sure inter-Arab conflicts and divisions would not disappear into thin air in the course of the three days allotted to the Arab summiteers. Nor would it serve the true purpose of Arabism to have such inter-Arab quarrels swept under the rug of the "tent" which is now housing the Amman summit. If only inter-Arab dialogue can begin on good and solid footing during the course of the on-going summit, much can be constructed on the edifice of such a sound dialogue.

As the fortunes of the Arab League system appear to be now on the decline due to collapsing general Arab interest in its well-being, the Arab states have but two choices to rectify the deterioration in the inter-Arab relations: Either to reverse the tide against the Arab League system by effectively bolstering and reinvigorating it from head to toe with men and material on one hand and restructuring its machineries and mode of operations on the other; or by introducing new inter-Arab machineries and institutions to replace the atrophied existing inter-Arab institutions. There is a whole range of options available to the Arab World in this regard. To be sure there is no shortage of ideas on how to amend the situation within the Arab World. For a start, Arab summits can be institutionalised and tailored to convene on periodic basis rather than on random basis as is the case now. As experience confirms, to convene an Arab summit is a feat per se these days. Should Arab summits become periodic and institutional, at least this formidable task of convening an Arab summit should be dispensed with, leaving the reservoir of Arab energy to be directed to other more substantive tasks and objectives. Secondly, the Arab World can begin to think in terms of a council along the lines of the European Council which functions most successfully in Western Europe within the context of the

European Community. To begin with such an Arab council can be composed of representatives from all the Arab states on equal footing. Also, such Arab representatives can be appointed by the respective Arab states till the time comes when they can be elected by various Arab peoples as is the case in Western Europe. Obviously the mandate of any such inter-Arab council must be clearly defined and spelled out, albeit it would be a modest one for the initial period of its life and exceeding in vigour and scope as the years go by and on the basis of acquired experience. There is no telling how such a projected council will take final shape and form but, I humbly suggest, we should continue to look at the European Council as a model that is worthy of emulation to the greatest extent possible and in ways commensurate with our own specific needs and conditions.

Of course there are many other sound ideas on how to proceed in our collective efforts to rectify our unfortunate state of affairs within the one Arab Nation. The door is wide open for other resourceful proposals which the various subregions of the Arab World can come up with. But whatever the means or ways suggested are, they are not likely to bear fruit unless the Arab states are willing by word and deed to relinquish some of their respective sovereignties in favour of the Arab collective sovereignty. It is high time for the Arab states to realise and take note of the fact that sovereignty is no longer an absolute concept in contemporary international law and that by virtue of the various international treaties or conventions the countries of the world have already relinquished a considerable portion of their respective sovereignties. It must dawn on the Arab states that it is high time that they begin the process of accommodating themselves within the context of an inter-Arab council or treaty or convention as the other countries of the world have already done and begin to shed away some of their respective interests in favour of the collective Arab

weal. If the on-going summit can manage to take some time from the precious time available to it now in Amman to reflect on the ways and means to strengthen inter-Arab contacts and relations and create for that purpose a working group to articulate and elaborate a set of proposals with a view to amend substantively the existing ways and means, then all of us in the Arab World can sigh with relief that time has finally arrived when the "Arab ship" is put on the right course.

Bourguiba: Powerful leader turned helpless old man

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Habib Bourguiba dominated the politics of his country for more than 30 years, but he far outlived his own image of himself as Tunisia's all-powerful, omniscient "supreme combatant."

Increasingly crippled and diminished by arteriosclerosis in the last few years, Bourguiba clung stubbornly to his prerogatives as president-for-life long after he became unable to exercise them.

Bourguiba was removed from office Saturday by Prime Minister Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali, who said the 84-year-old president had become too old and sick to rule.

As a helpless old man still surrounded by the official personality cult on which the government's survival depended, he fell under the domination of an ambitious entourage headed by his niece, Saida Sassi. Not even the highest-ranking ministers could approach Bourguiba outside Saida's presence.

Saida had been banished years earlier from the Carthage presidential palace by Bourguiba's domineering wife, Wassila, who liked to play a major political role of her own.

The two women had developed a bitter, public hatred for each other. Bourguiba invited Saida back to live in the palace in 1985 and a few months later divorced Wassila, whom he accused of trying to undermine his authority.

Thereafter, Saida, then 60, reigned supreme over Bourguiba and — some said — over Tunisia, despite her lack of political training or experience.

At a congress of the ruling Destourian Socialist Party in 1986, Saida placed herself in a one-woman from row, directly in front of Mohamed Mzali, who had been prime minister and designated presidential successor for six years.

Mzali was fired abruptly two months later and replaced by Rachid Sfar, who served 15 months before he was replaced by Ben Ali.

Mzali fled into exile and declared that the president-for-life had become the helpless victim of "the ruthless and power-hungry clique that surrounds him."

But the personality cult continued, and photographs of the square-jawed leader have rarely been off the front pages of Tunisian newspapers. Even Saturday morning, newspapers that had closed before the change in government was known ran the usual front-page pictures of the president.

To conceal that his strength was failing rapidly — a taboo subject in Tunisia — the state television almost nightly broadcast file film of the leader taken when he was at the height of his vigour.

Until the dramatic decline in his health, Bourguiba was one of the world's most respected elder statesmen.

He founded the Neo-Destour Nationalist Movement in the 1930's, dedicated to ending French colonial rule. He spent more than 11 years in French prisons of sedition charges before finally achieving his objective of total independence in 1956.

Bourguiba liked to hear himself described as a great world leader and visionary statesman whose moral authority extended far beyond the borders of his Arab country of nearly 8 million people.

Bourguiba was one of the most consistently pro-Western leaders in Africa and the Arab World. He aggressively turned Tunisia into the most westernised of the Arab countries. In 1971, he was the first Arab leader publicly to advocate mutual recognition with Israel.

However, Bourguiba joined the rest of the Arab World in condemning Egypt's Camp David separate peace agreements with Israel. The Arab League then chose Tunis as its new headquarters when it had to leave Cairo after Egypt's membership was revoked.

Bourguiba was born in the port of Monastir on Aug. 3, 1903, the son of an officer in the symbolic army the French allowed the bey, Tunisia's hereditary but powerless ruler.

One of Bourguiba's first acts in power was to abolish the French-backed Tunisian monarchy and replace it with a republic with himself as president.

He fought against what he regarded as "outdated" Islamic traditions and infuriated fundamentalists by granting equal rights to women and discouraging the monthlong holy fast of Ramadan.

Yet he consistently ignored the advice of Western leaders and some of his own ministers in refusing to tolerate the introduction of a multi-party democratic system for which he said, the Tunisian people were not ready.

In one letter, written in 1980, Sadat urged Begin to yield control of the occupied territories immediately. Sadat suggested that Egypt, Israel, the United

Newspaper publishes excerpts from Begin-Sadat correspondence

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — The architects of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, former Prime Minister Menachem Begin and the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, maintained a lengthy correspondence which included much criticism but reflected a growing personal friendship.

Excerpts from the correspondence were published for the first time over the weekend by the mass-circulation Yedioth Achronot newspaper as Israel prepared to mark the 10th anniversary of Sadat's visit to Jerusalem on Nov. 19, 1977.

The Egyptian president's trip broke the 30-year Arab boycott of Israel and paved the way to a peace treaty between the two countries 16 months later.

The excerpts were published by Yedioth diplomatic reporter Shlomo Nakdimon, who served as one of Begin's spokesmen during the peace process with Egypt.

Much of the correspondence between the Egyptian and Israeli leaders dealt with the Palestinian question and the future of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel and Egypt began negotiating an arrangement for Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories and formally annexing mainly Palestinian east Jerusalem.

"These actions are invalid and absolutely null and void," Sadat wrote angrily.

But Begin responded that there was nothing new in his actions and that they were the outcome of longstanding and official Israeli policy.

The acute national sensitivities of the two leaders could be triggered by misunderstandings and subjects far removed from the crucial issues of the day.

In one letter, Sadat wrote Begin: "The story of the children of Israel began in Egypt. It is clear

do his very best until his heart stops beating," he wrote.

The two also always made a point of sending regards to each other's wives.

Begin, who suddenly and without explanation, quit the premiership in Sept. 1983 and has rarely addressed the Israeli public since, published a letter in Yedioth's anniversary issue.

In it he wrote: "The peace treaty is not just a piece of paper. Despite all the problems we still face, the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt is a live document which determines the relations between the two countries. We hope it will continue to be that way in the future."

But another of the key figures in the peace process, Egyptian secretary of state for foreign affairs Butros Ghali, wrote that regarding the Palestinian question "We have lost 10 years and hope that it is God's will that this story should be completed in Egypt."

Begin was insulted. "The history of the children of Israel did not begin in Egypt," Begin replied from occupied Jerusalem. "It began in the very land from which I am writing this letter."

But Nakdimon wrote that despite the polemics, the two leaders also expressed concern for each other's well-being and gradually became more personal in their correspondence.

On Aug. 2, 1980, Begin wrote that he had undergone heart X-rays which had made him realise "how fragile the human body and life itself was."

"It is the very definite duty of every man called upon to serve his people, his land, mankind, and a just cause — he is duty-bound to

do his very best until his heart stops beating," he wrote.

Ghali was a close confidante of Sadat's and a key Egyptian negotiator during the peace process.

He wrote in the Yedioth special that over the past decade he had "worked unremittingly and intensively to realise the hope that was at the heart of the political process: A comprehensive, stable and just peace for the Middle East. This is the essence of Egypt's diplomacy over the past 10 years."

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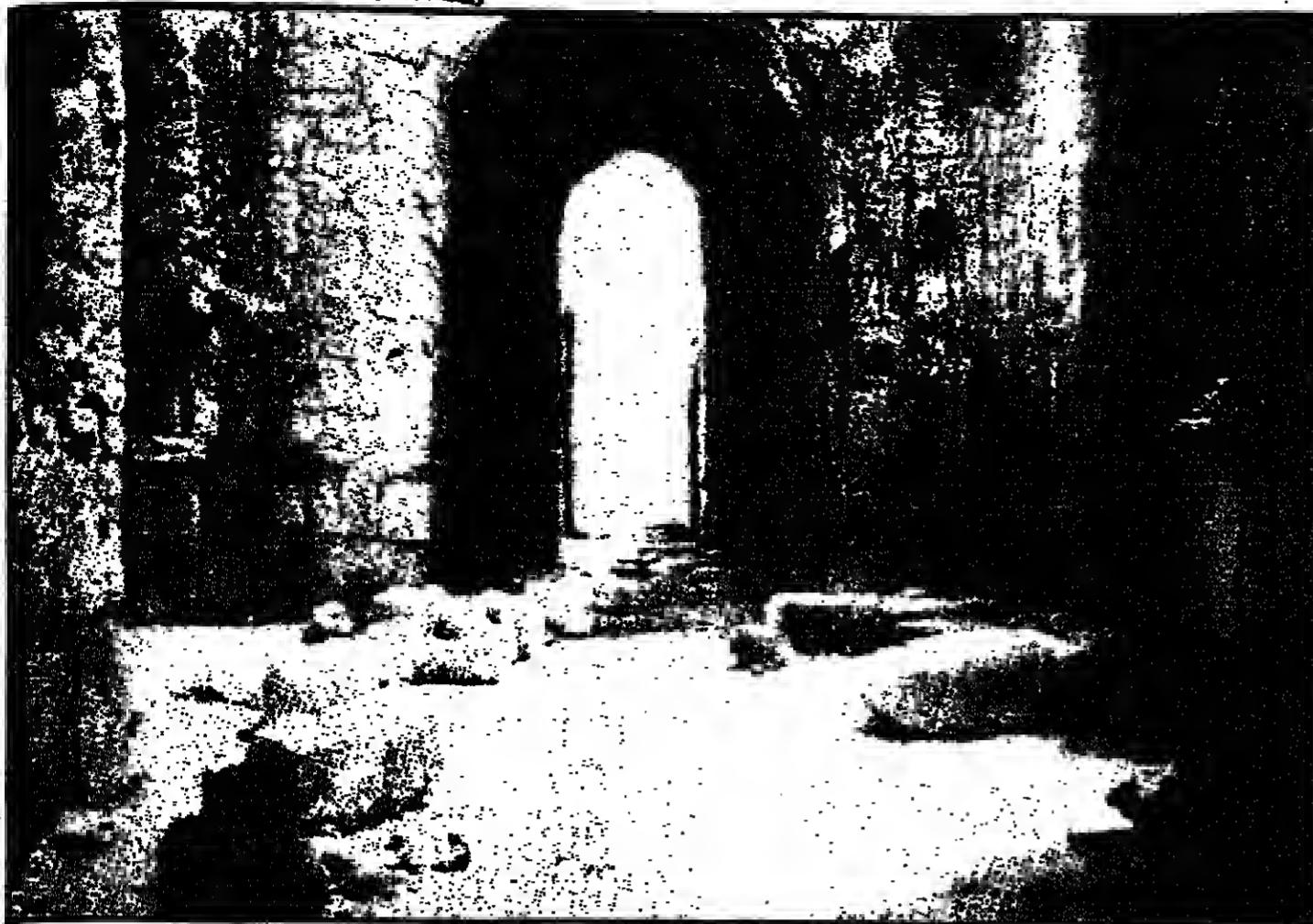
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A watercolour and pastel rendering of an Ommayyad castle in Amman by artist Nicholas Egon.

Glimpses of Jordan's varied landscape

By Natalie Warren-Green

LONDON (AF) — Western artists still paint the East, but their approach is markedly different from the past. It has evolved from a random presentation of the people and places as collections of exotica to an exhilarating celebration of realism.

Almost no one seems to represent that new mood as well as Nicholas Egon, the East European emigre artist celebrated for his paintings of the Arab World, specifically of the ancient sites and monuments of Jordan.

Egon's path to fame has not been without hurdles, however. "Have you seen the latest?" he said as he welcomed me into his London home. "Mullaly has actually seen fit to give me some credit for my paintings of Jordan."

Egon was delighted at having found no uncomplimentary review of his most recent work from noted detractor, British art critic Ference Mullaly, who, said Egon, "has never much rated my work before."

Her Majesty Queen Noor travelled to London to open an exhibition of Egon's *Paintings of Jordan* at the Zamana Gallery last month.

During his visit to Jordan, Egon immediately painted 16 pictures and returned to paint many more. To see the work is to experience the infinite variety of the Jordanian landscape. The pictures depict views from the Jordan Valley, the hills of Gildead, Amman, Aqaba, Jerash and Petra.

One almost feels the heat haze engulfing the dry, rocky terrain and smells the scent wafting from the tiny desert flowers in bloom. The depth of detail conveys Egon's devotion.

"When I paint," said Egon, "it is a matter of inspiration. Arabia inspired me."

Egon has a subtle technique

whereby carefully implanted swirling lines create a firm design and give texture to the picture. "Ah," exclaimed Egon, "you have hit the method of my realistic style on the head. This use of tiny lines within the structure is a quality of abstract painting which I adapted for landscape design. I aimed to imbue the view of something with the same excitement I felt when I drew it."

"You see how the lines dance," he said, "that is how I was feeling."

And the sun? The way the bright rays strike the desert rock is startling. "The sunshine," was the immediate reply. "The sun made me feel dizzy."

Despite the mastery of his medium, Egon is new to realism. The walls of Egon's home are alive with pictures of themes which have excited the artist. A burst of bright pink, red, yellow and blue in a picture hanging above his drawing room door shouts of the beginning of his career.

"It was the ideas of scientists which inspired me throughout the 1930s and 1940s," said Egon. "I was never desperately interested in artists. Organic ideas prompted my first paintings at that time."

Queen Noor said of his work, "I have been impressed and moved by these images, particularly by the artist's ability to reflect the many moods and sensibilities of our ancient landscape."

Many of Egon's pictures on show were not for sale: They already have famous owners, including the Jordanian royal couple, Sultan Qaboos of Oman, Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's National Gallery and public institutions in Jordan.

Painting a foreign country is never easy; witness the scorn heaped on the Orientalist artists by native critics. Despite their



Nicholas Egon

artistic excellence, the Orientalist artists often attracted the charge of stereotyping the East.

When 48 of his pictures went on show in the National Gallery of Jordan in 1986, Egon recalled, "I was worried that such a young country would not appreciate my work. But, I was pleasantly surprised when artists from Jordan itself complimented me on my perception of landscapes from their homeland."

The London exhibition featured Egon's new work, which indicated how he has gone through a variety of genres. It also reflected his deepening, and developing, preoccupation with the Middle East.

While working on the collection, Egon said he channelled his energy into the realist tradition. "I hoped people all over the world would appreciate... my enthusiasm for the land of Jordan."

Although an old Arab hand — he served in the British Army during World War II — it was not until 1983 that Egon visited Jordan for the first time. "I fell in love with the surprising contrasts of the landscape," he said.

Egon has travelled extensively

in the Arab World, visiting and painting scenes from Morocco, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Kuwait, Yemen and Saudi Arabia — specifically, Hejaz, Nejd and Asir.

"I took to painting abstract pictures of the new scientific innovations of the time," he recalled.

For four years he lectured at the National Gallery in London, conducting weekly discussions on the philosophy and function of art. He seemed set to continue to paint in an abstract style.

But then came several visits to Greece, and with it changes in style. "I was greatly moved by the front line of the civil war in Greece," explained Egon, recalling the scenes of starvation, disease and deprivation.

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The lyrical content of that imagery has owed much to Egon's experience in the Middle East and what he said were the Arabs' three gifts: "Poetry, history and friendship."

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Somalia looks to the sea for food

By Mohamoud Afrah

Reuter

ESIRA, Somalia — The first thing that struck desert dweller Abdi Omar Hashi when the Antonov transport plane dropped him on Somalia's Indian Ocean coast to start a new life was the smell of the sea.

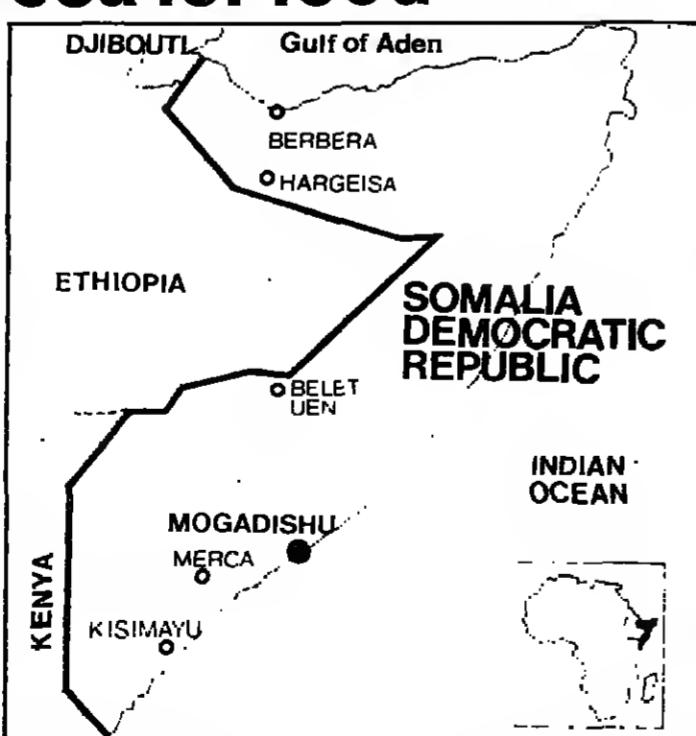
"I was deafened by the roar of the waves," said Hashi, one of several thousand former nomads from arid inland Somalia resettled on the coast as fishermen in the 1970s as part of the Somali government's policy of looking to the oceans for food.

"I had a tortuous transition period of three months but today own one of the best boats around," Hashi told Reuters in his fishing village 25 kilometers southwest of the capital Mogadishu.

His is one of the success stories for many of his colleagues, imbued with a deep cultural antipathy towards both the sea and fishing, found the change too great and trickled back to their traditional pastures as soon as they returned after the drought of 1974 and 1975.

Somalia has the longest coastline among African countries, 3,300 kilometers of it, but the government's campaign to exploit it at first met a mixed response from the meat-eating public.

Billboards in Mogadishu extol the nutritional benefits of fish and the sea as an inexhaustible source of food.



wife of a civil servant brought up in an inland area.

Abdi Hashi brings his catch to the market daily in the new pick-up truck he has bought on the proceeds of his fishing.

To encourage the trend, the government is supplying training, new boats and cold storage facilities to the new coastal communities.

Aid agencies like the International Development Association and the Danish International Development Agency are also contributing to the fishing boom with loans and grants for fishmeal production, boat repair and maintenance, salting, drying and refrigeration facilities.

The return of cultural property

UNESCO feature

SINCE time immemorial, the "right to booty" and plunder of works of art have been the natural corollary of military conquest. There has also been a long history of claims for their restitution, although the usual practice has been to retaliate kind when the fortunes of war have been reversed.

But the great migration of the cultural property of mankind has probably been due less to the hazards of war than to the peace-time traffic which has thrived since the time of the great discoveries and the Europeans' thrust into the farthest corners of the earth.

With today's boom in the international art market, this at times illicit traffic has continued to grow, much to the dismay of many newly independent countries which find themselves ill-equipped to defend their cultural heritage against occasionally unscrupulous art dealers, museums and collectors.

The movement for the "return" or "restitution" of cultural property began in the early 1970s. It can be seen as a party of the action subscribed to by UNESCO ever since its founding in 1945 to ensure the preservation of the cultural heritage of all peoples.

UNESCO has defended simultaneously the concepts of "universal heritage" and the "cultural identity" of every people, the latter being defined as "a treasure that vitalises mankind's possibilities of self-fulfilment by moving every people and every group to seek nurture in its past, to welcome contributions from outside that are compatible with its own characteristics, and so to continue the process of its own creation."

Any pillaging of a country's cultural property, or irreparable deprivation or despoliation, is prejudicial to the cultural heritage of mankind, since the cultural achievements of a people contribute to the culture of all. Such is the philosophy that UNESCO would like the entire international community to share with it.

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A thorny debate

In the debate pitting claimant countries against countries holding

cultural property, arguments abound. The claimant countries cite their moral right to recover the items necessary to affirm their cultural identity. They also insist that governments, museums and collectors in so-called "importing" or "holding" countries cease to be a party to that traffic which they consider to be illicit, but which carries on, unchecked.

The holding countries put forward four arguments:

— The universalist argument: The objects and the culture that they represent are better and more widely appreciated in the industrialised countries than in their countries of origin.

— The museological argument: Such objects are better conserved in the museums of the holding countries than in countries where museums are lacking, especially national museums, do not have the right to dispose of objects in their collections.

— The legal argument: In most cases, such objects were acquired "legally" in accordance with legislation existing at the time. Moreover, museums, especially national museums, do not have the right to dispose of objects in their collections;

These arguments give an idea of all the obstacles that have stood in the way of the application of the Convention adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO in 1970 on "the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Trans-

fer of Ownership of Cultural Property" and the work of the Intergovernmental Committee set up in 1978.

By early 1987, this convention, which requires signatory states to institute procedures for the return of cultural property, had been ratified by 58 states, most of them belonging to the category of "claimant" countries. On the other hand, only a few of the industrialised countries that are generally considered to be "importers" or "holders," only a few have acceded to the convention: The United States, Canada, Italy, Spain and Portugal. The convention has not yet been ratified by Britain, the Scandinavian countries, the Benelux countries, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Austria, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

Comprised of representatives of twenty Member States, the Intergovernmental Committee is, first and foremost, a good offices committee. Since its founding, it has devoted itself to defining the cultural property that may be subject to restitution. Such property must be "particularly representative of cultural identity," its "absence" or "withdrawal" constituting "an irreparable loss" in the chain of actions and interactions constituting living culture;

— working out the procedure for securing the return of cultural property in collaboration with the International Council of Museums. The committee has drawn up a form in two sections designed to obtain detailed information concerning the object claimed. The form must be filled out by the claimant, and the holding country has one year to reply;

— inviting all states, claimant countries in particular, to draw up inventories of their cultural property as an essential step towards curbing illicit traffic;

— recommending measures for stricter control over archaeological excavations, customs, and the records of dealers specialising in the sale of such objects;

— promoting the establishment of museums in countries laying claims.

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King, in closed summit session, reviews situation

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ty-seven page address. The conference unanimously decided to regard the address as an official document.

His Majesty referred to the conference as the accord and harmony summit. He called on all Arab leaders to put the past behind them and avoid excessive preoccupation with concerns pertaining to individual states.

The King described the problem facing the Arab Nation as having a dual nature manifested in:

1. An Arab aspect, associated with the Arab Order and inter-Arab relations in the context of Arab regional organisations.

2. An aspect touching upon Arab relations, conflicts or cooperation with others. In this category fall the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Iran-Iraq war.

His Majesty stressed that the two aspects were inter-related. This interdependence has allowed foreign powers to exploit Arab differences and base their policies towards the Arabs on considerations of profit and loss at the expense of inter-Arab interests.

During the period immediately preceding and following the October war of 1973, when the Arab states showed unity and cohesiveness, the other countries of the world were accommodating to our position. His Majesty said:

As Arab solidarity weakened, the world pursued a different mode of interaction with us. Various countries resorted to bilateralism, thus bypassing our regional or collective concerns.



Arab states became individual targets. This approach became so well established in Arab and foreign political circles that the dividing lines between bilateral issues and inter-Arab concerns became blurred. Interested parties were thus able to further their interests, and hostile forces seized the opportunity to seek expansion, hegemony and new positions on the ground.

His Majesty added that inter-Arab concerns came to be increasingly eroded. The foundations of inter-Arab action were shaken. As a result, the strategic balance between the Arabs on one hand and their allied foes on the other was seriously disrupted.

Iran's insistence on prolonging the war with Iraq, its attempts to expand the war to Kuwait and other Gulf states, its attacks on the international shipping of states that were not parties to the armed conflict, the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982, the continued Israeli occupation of Arab territories, and Israel's determined drive to turn the occupied into an accomplished fact as well as its Judaisation practices, were all cited by His Majesty as reflecting the state of disarray afflicting the Arabs. So much so, that Iran has come to be regarded in international circles as having greater strategic importance than the entire Arab World. It has become the object of friendly overtures despite the intransigent and demagogic character of the Iranian regime and its insistence on prolonging a war that has threatened the security of the region and the world.

His Majesty emphasised the inter-Arab character of the Palestine issue, stressing that it must be dealt with on that basis. He highlighted the similarities between our conflicts with Iran and Israel. Each of these states has regional designs on Arab territories, he said, and each exploits religion for political purposes.

It was only natural, the King asserted, that Arab disarray should exercise a negative impact on the Arab League and its various organisations and statutes. His Majesty affirmed the need to restore vitality to the Arab League, the oldest of all regional organisations. If this is not done, then the Arabs will have met their enemies halfway in their attempts to weaken the Arab Nation. The fact that the big sister state of Egypt continues to remain outside the League further contributes to weakening the underpinnings of the Arab Order.

All Arab leaders, the King said, are agreed on the reasons and symptoms of Arab weakness and retrogression, but there is no agreement on the cure. In this

discrepancy lies the Arab dilemma of today. Unless the dilemma is resolved, the imbalance will continue and joint Arab action will remain a mirage.

His Majesty outlined the reasons for failure to agree on a unified position on the major problems and challenges confronting the Arabs as well as the means to overcome them. These were:

1. Bilateral differences growing out of political disagreement. In the normal course of events, such differences should remain within the pale of direct, brotherly and continuous dialogue.

2. A narrow national vision resulting from the preoccupation of each Arab state with its own development, security and defence concerns. This has led to a gradual loss of sight of the close confluence of the individual strength of each Arab country and national, or inter-Arab, security.

3. An unjustifiable exaggeration in the application of the profit and loss motive in dealing with national issues, with an eye to gain at the state level, despite all indications that this approach is counterproductive.

His Majesty spoke at length of the two major threats confronting the Arab Nation: the Gulf war and the Arab-Israeli conflict. On the Gulf war, His Majesty pointed out the following:

— A continuation of the war is in nobody's interest. On the contrary, its termination is an Arab and Islamic imperative.

— Arab and Iranian interests should converge rather than conflict.

— The nature and develop-

ment of the war has rendered the presence of foreign fleets in the Gulf indivisible from the war itself.

— A comprehensive termination of the war by peaceful means is equally in the interest of Iran and the Arabs.

— The termination of the war will spare the region the danger of polarisation or slippage into international alliances and confrontations.

— There is an urgent need to end the war in order to conserve Arab and Iranian resources and enable them to be employed in the service of our peoples.

— The present meeting is being carefully watched by our peoples as well as by the rest of the world. Any success we achieve in ensuring a positive course of action will determine the nature of future world interaction with us. This will hold true for war as well as for all other Arab issues. We must prove to the world that we hold the key to our survival.

His Majesty urged the conference to take a clear and resolute decision reflecting Arab determination to end the Gulf war. He called for agreement on a mechanism ensuring proper follow-up and implementation of the decision.

On the Palestine issue and the Arab-Israeli conflict, His Majesty stressed the following aspects:

— The Palestine problem is characterised by dynamism and change. It calls for coordination and consultation between the Arab parties directly concerned and a number of influential countries of the world. A unified Arab stance must be bolstered by the credibility of joint Arab action.

— Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 are still awaiting implementation.

— The Arab side has accepted Security Council Resolution 338, which reaffirmed Resolution 242. Israel, however, has moved to abort and obstruct it.

— Israel has obstructed the convening of the international conference.

— Israel has succeeded in diverting the role of the United States from that of a superpower with a special responsibility for world peace into the role of sponsor of Israel and its interests.

— Israel proceeded to invade Lebanon and achieved some of its objectives there.

— Israel has pressed on with settlement activities in the occupied territories and announced the annexation of the Golan Heights, having previously announced the annexation of Jerusalem.

For these reasons, His Majesty said, we have decided to concentrate our efforts on the international conference and to rally support for it. The international conference has become the accepted international venue for achieving a comprehensive, just and peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. This is especially significant, since our call for the conference is rooted in international legitimacy by virtue of its recourse to United Nations auspices and participation by the five permanent members of the Security Council, in addition to all the parties to the conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation, for the purpose of resolving the Palestine issue in all its aspects.

Iranian missile kills 10, injures 106 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — A long-range Iranian missile hit a densely populated section of Baghdad on Sunday, killing at least six children and four women.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported that Revolutionary Guards fired two missiles into the Iraqi capital in retaliation for Iraqi raids against what it called "non-military targets" in recent days.

But Iraq only reported one missile slamming into the city at 6.15 p.m. (1515 GMT).

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the blast demolished or damaged 30 houses as well as some

shops. It said 106 people, including 38 children and 41 women, were wounded.

It was the sixth Iranian missile believed to be a Soviet Scud-B weapon, to hit Baghdad in as many weeks.

A Baghdad military spokesman said several houses demolished as the missile home.

He noted it was fired as an extraordinary Arab summit convened in Amman and added: "The timing is not, of course, by mere chance, but an expression of the Iranian regime's hatred for our Arab Nation and its fear of joint Arab action."

Mubarak extends hand of friendship to Syria

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak offered a hand of friendship to Syrian leader Hafez Al Assad in an interview published here on Sunday.

Calling for a reconciliation with Syria, Mr. Mubarak told the Kuwaiti daily newspaper Al Rai Al Aam:

"I still extend my hand to fraternal Syria and to Hafez Al Assad so that perhaps we may repair what is between us and open a new chapter for the sake

of our future."

Syria and most other states broke relations with Egypt over Cairo's separate 1979 peace treaty with Israel. Egypt's readmittance to the Arab League is expected to come up during the emergency Arab summit that began in Amman on Sunday.

Egyptian newspapers gave prominence to a statement by leader of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) that the Arab summit should welcome Egypt back to the Arab League.

Abu Ghazala: Egypt will not accept Iranian victory

CAIRO (AP) — Defence Minister Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala said on Sunday that Egypt would accept an Iraqi defeat in a 7-year-old Gulf war, but he said using Egyptian troops to pursue it would take a political decision.

He said actions of the Arab League summit meeting that began Sunday in Amman might affect a number of Egyptian decisions.

"We cannot accept the defeat of Iraq or a threat against any Arab state," Marshal Abu Ghazala told reporters.

He added: "I'm not saying intervention, because (that) is not a military decision. You have to ask the politicians — my job is to do as ordered..."

"If Egypt is exposed to dangers, it will study what to do."

Officials including President Hosni Mubarak repeatedly have said Egypt's security is linked to that of the Arab states along the Gulf. After an Iranian missile attack against Kuwait last month, Mr. Mubarak specifically offered to help Kuwait.

Marshal Abu Ghazala met journalists on the eve of Cairo's Second International Weapons Fair, opening Monday. The fair has armaments exhibits from about 160 companies in 17 countries.

The defence minister said the question of Egyptian military help to the Gulf states is hypothetical, because "I believe they have (adequate) military resources and capabilities, and if they use them they will be safe."

Libyan embassy operational in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — A Libyan diplomat has announced that the Libyan embassy in Baghdad was functioning again after the two countries agreed to restore diplomatic relations two months ago.

Libyan Charge d'Affaires Abbas Ahmad Al Messri told Reuters that the embassy had been operating normally since Oct. 22.

He also said several Iraqi diplomats arrived in Tripoli in early October and the Iraqi embassy had reopened.

Relations between Iraq and Libya had deteriorated steadily since the Gulf war started 1980 and Tripoli sided with Iran.

Iraq cut ties in June 1985, but the two countries were reconciled last September when Libyan Foreign Minister Jaddah Azzouz Al Talhi visited Baghdad.

Tunisia calm after change in leadership; several key figures under house arrest

TUNIS (Agencies) — Tunisians calmly accepted the removal of Habib Bourguiba as president but a government source said on Sunday that key political figures, including the deposed leader's son, remained under house arrest.

New Prime Minister Hedi Bacouche said in a radio interview on Saturday that Mr. Bourguiba was still in Carthage Palace outside the capital. He said the former president could be transferred with his doctors and entourage to the eastern town of Sfax, where he could lead a normal life "treated with all respect."

The government source, quoted by Reuter, said the decision to send the veteran leader into retirement was prompted by two issues — his frequent cabinet changes and differences over death sentences on the Islamic fundamentalists.

Official media said the presidency had been "effectively vacant" for years.

An authoritative government source, however, suggested that Mr. Bourguiba had been deposed partly because he was not prepared to show clemency to five Muslim fundamentalists captured by police since being sentenced in their absence at a mass treason trial.

The source said a handful of political figures close to Mr. Bourguiba had been placed under house arrest, including former Education Minister Mohammad Sayah and Habib Bourguiba Junior, the former president's son. They were expected to be

Bomb explodes at war memorial in N. Ireland; 10 killed, 43 injured

ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland (Agencies) — A bomb exploded on Sunday near a memorial where crowds gathered to honour Britain's war dead. Police said 10 people were killed and 43 injured.

The bomb detonated in a community centre overlooking the Cenotaph. It blew out one end of the building, which collapsed and trapped a large number of people standing outside waiting for the ceremony, police said.

Police, troops, band members and firefighters rushed forward and dug with their bare hands through the debris for those trapped against railings in front of the building. A witness quoted by AP said 40 to 50 people, many of them women and children, had been standing in front of the building, known as St. Michael's Reading Room.

Rescuers moved quickly through the wreckage carrying the wounded away on stretchers. Two uniformed men gently carried out an old woman suspended limply in their arms. Others heaved aside slabs of debris and hauled away large timbers, clearing

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The official Libyan news agency JANA said Mr. Ibn Ali was still in Carthage Palace outside the capital. He said the former president could be transferred with his doctors and entourage to the eastern town of Sfax, where he could lead a normal life "treated with all respect."

Diplomatic sources said King Fahd's message would replace any announcement of recognition for the change of leadership in Tunisia, considered as an internal Tunisian affair.

The rest of the Gulf Arab countries, and other member states of the Arab League, were expected to follow King Fahd's lead.

In Washington, the Reagan administration praised Mr. Bourguiba and said it hoped for continued good relations with Tunis.

"We note that Tunisian political traditions have long been inspired by proper balance and toleration, a course that we have consistently supported," the State Department said.

"We look forward to maintaining the traditional ties between the United States and Tunisia under its new government. We hope that calm will prevail during this period," it said in a statement.

A number of foreign leaders, including Morocco's King Hassan II, Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and Egyptian President

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12,000 residents.

The smaller Far'a camp nearby

was also put under curfew after

incident in which a woman resi

dent was injured allegedly trying

to grab a tear-gas grenade from a

soldier, Israeli army sources said.

Stones were thrown at troops

which fired in the air and shot

rubber bullets and tear-gas in response, Israeli army sources said.

They were given all essential

medical and humanitarian care,"

he told reporters.

"We shall transfer them to a

safe place, where representatives

of the International Committee

of the Red Cross (ICRC) can examine them," Mr. Khaled said.

He said the 17-tonne boat was

flying the Israeli and Belgian

flags. He declined to say when the vessel was stormed.

Khaled said five of the prison

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Summit**Amman hosts fully-attended Arab summit conference****Klibi: U.N. should expel Iran for its refusal to accept 598**

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and good neighbourly relations between both parties, Iran was persistently pursuing this war and initiating a series of actions that would aggravate the tension in the region by the following acts:

planting mines in territorial and international waters, attacking oil tankers, provoking criminal disorders in the heart of Mecca during the last pilgrimage season and multiplying its threats against the security of Kuwait to such an extent that our states have every right to fear that these attacks might jeopardise the security of our entire nation.

We must ask ourselves how the Iranian leaders view the dangers of the Israeli aggression against the Arab and Muslim nation, since, and this is a truth that need not be proven, the continuation of the military confrontation in the Gulf cannot but delight Israel, which, in turn, is inventing new means to kindle the conflict and widen its scope, so as to divert the attention of the world from the exactions of the Jewish state against the Palestinians in the occupied territories, in addition to its interference and meddling in Lebanon and its occupation of a considerable part of Lebanese territory.

Similarly, the Arab states must consider the negative effect that the continuation of this war, with all the hardship that it is imposing on our national security, may have on our defence capacities vis-a-vis the Zionist aggressor by damaging our potential to liberate the Palestinian territories, Jerusalem and the other occupied Arab territories, as well as our ability to abort the expansionist aims of Israel and its desire to dominate our whole nation.

Sir,
Majesties, Excellencies, Royal Highnesses,

In history, the United Nations has rarely seen the international community, whether in the West, East or in the developing countries, unanimously affirm the necessity to put an immediate end to a regional conflict as it has for the Iran-Iraq conflict.

Such a unanimous international desire, which can be first and above all attributed to the efforts exerted by our states and particularly to the Ministerial Committee of Seven, amounted to the issuance of a decisive resolution adopted by the Security Council as Resolution 598.

While Iraq was, in accordance with its unwavering position, affirming its readiness to abide by the international call, Iran consistently attempted to evade adopting any commitment showing its acceptance of this resolution, thereby creating new obstacles hindering its application, defying international law and assuming the responsibility for shedding

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Muslim blood.

The serious developments of the Iran-Iraq conflict make it lawful for our states to adopt all possible measures to ensure the defense and protection of our Arab people against any form of aggression or domination.

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It is worthwhile noting that Israel did not invade Lebanon and occupy its capital, or attack the nuclear reactor in Baghdad, or bomb PLO offices in the suburbs of Tunis, except after the start of the Iran-Iraq conflict, therefore taking advantage of the situation created by this conflict.

This is why Israel tries, using all its means of persuasion, to lengthen the duration of this conflict, prejudicing Arab-Muslim solidarity, especially since this conflict has already succeeded in dividing Arab ranks and in weakening the capacity of the Arab Nation to face the Israeli aggression.

We are led to believe that the interaction between Iran's ob-

stinacy in pursuing the Iran-Iraq conflict and the renewed outbreak of the Arab-Israeli conflict has put the Arab Nation's security face to face with dangers unequalled since the creation of Israel. We cannot ignore, as well, the artificial quarrels pitting Islam against Arabism, as if they were two contradictory realities and not complementary to each other, while history proves their deep interdependence in aims and objectives.

In the light of this review, our

states should adopt a collective and planned action on the regional and international levels, so that, in the short-term, Resolution 598 is implemented in its entirety and according to the sequence of the published text. And, in case Iran refuses to submit to the international decision, it would then become necessary to demand the application of Article 7 of the U.N. Charter. On the medium and long-terms, a platform of Arab solidarity should be erected on the basis of common interests, in order to confront the Zionist danger; and to cooperate by soldering our ranks and combining our energies to win the battle of progress and development.

Sir,
Majesties, Excellencies, Royal Highnesses,

The study of the extremely serious problem submitted to the attention of this summit would definitely show that many convictions are shared by all our states, and this is something that I have noticed among all our leaders.

The first of these convictions is that the Iran-Iraq conflict, now in its eighth year, has resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of young people, in addition to all the financial losses it has generated. This long experience has also proved that it is impossible for Iran, no matter how obstinately it tries, to pursue this war and to reach a decisive solution by military force.

The second conviction is that it is expected that because of the war, tensions would spread throughout the region, growing to involve international elements, as a result of the strategic importance of the area. Those fears have become realities, with all the consequences they could entail should the war continue and the situation deteriorate even further on the security level.

The third conviction is that considering the fact that Iraq has abided by the international call and has affirmed its readiness to abide by the Security Council resolution, as it had in the past adhered to all the initiatives and

proposals aiming to implement a just and durable peace, the cessation of hostilities has become a unanimous Arab demand, as proven by the resolution adopted unanimously by the Council of the League last April, before becoming a unanimous international demand illustrated by the adoption of the Security Council Resolution 598.

The fourth conviction is that all our states, which wished to establish privileged contacts with the Iranian revolution in the wake of its establishment — by reason of its adhesion to the principles of non-alignment and to its decision to break the ties established by the Shah with Israel and to its support of the Palestinian cause in general and to the cause of Al Qods in particular — remain committed to restoring understanding and agreement among all the countries of the region and development in this respect.

We could summarise all those common convictions by underlining that putting an end to this conflict is imperative so that all Arab efforts are directed at essential problems.

Sir,
Majesties, Excellencies, Royal Highnesses,

The Arab Nation is longing to see the Iran-Iraq conflict come to an end and to see that the two countries are busy rebuilding what the war has destroyed, in order for all the efforts to unite in facing Israel's hegemony and in liberating Jerusalem and the occupied Arab territories.

Beyond these sufferings, we should not forget the real aims of the Zionists plan, nor its covetousness of the region; moreover, we should work towards aborting them using all possible means.

We do believe that despite some negative aspects, the Arab position vis-a-vis Israel has some strong points that the enemy cannot annihilate; namely, the struggle continues and increases in strength through the ability of a group of migrants coming from different parts of the world for the purpose of colonising Arab land and imposing its domination on the region. This declaration, that represents the most abominable injustice of this century, constitutes a flagrant violation of the principles of freedom and of the rights of man that the West is defending.

Next year, forty years would have passed since Israel's aggression fell on the region, starting with Palestine, forty years since the Palestinians have been living under Zionist domination and scattered in exile and in refugee camps.

On the other hand, this year twenty years have passed since the 1967 aggression that amounted to the occupation of new Arab territories, the majority of which are living under oppression, while the Arab inhabitants are constantly and heroically facing all forms of repression: confiscation of land, destruction of houses, extradition of people, closing of schools and universities, arrests, deportations, torture, persecution, while not forgetting the destruction of the national economic structures of those territories. As for the continued aggressions against the camps, cities and villages by the forces of the occupation and by the armies of the aggressor, they now form part of the daily life in the occupied Arab territories and in South Lebanon.

However and despite the cruelty of these exactions, they had opposite results than the one sought by the Israeli leaders, as struggle against and resistance to the Israeli oppression continue, and the vice is tightening more and more every day on the Israeli aggressor.

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Your Majesty, President of the Conference,

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One of our Arab states is still suffering from the disputes, insecurities and the occupation of a large portion of its territories. I am referring here to Lebanon, whose people have welcomed the Palestinian revolution and have faced together the daily attacks of Israel. Lebanon, who was the victim of the war started by Israel in 1982, a war that has seen the Zionist enemy practice the most hateful exactions that history has ever recorded and that are against all humane principles and international regulations. Lebanon has heroically rebelled against the occupation and, as a result, has earned the esteem of all the Arab World.

The means of those states can only be reinforced by way of the

collapse of its economy and the devaluation of its currency. The Lebanese people are confronted with misery, famine is threatening the poorer stratum, Lebanon students are deprived of stationery and sometimes of schools; and all are exposed to malnutrition and illnesses due to the absence of medical services, while its hospitals — albeit rudimentary — need equipment and medicines. The south is threatened either by more Israeli occupation or by being driven to follow, as a result of the unavailability of commodities enabling the population to survive, hostile currents that are against national interests.

We are thus convinced that the proclaimed positions should not prejudice the determination of our states to pursue their efforts to bring the international community to start a peace process that would allow the Palestinians to regain their rights, and would also allow the countries to recuperate their confiscated territories and to put an end to the jungle law that Israel wishes to impose in the region.

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Opinions might differ on certain questions, but there is no doubt that national enthusiasm and the correct evaluation of national interests would be enough to remove all obstacles, starting with the clearance of the Arab atmosphere, to the restoration of the unity of the Arab community in view of edifying a consensus, thus enabling us to pursue a unified action in all the areas where national security constitutes an essential axis.

Yes, our states would continue their struggle for peace hand in hand on both fronts and would increase their chances of winning this bet by emerging from this conference united and closely bound.

Australia trounces England to clinch world cricket crown

CALCUTTA, India (Agencies) — Australian captain Allan Border said after his team's world cup triumph here on Sunday that he had never expected to win the tournament when it started.

Against a background of deafening cheers from a crowd estimated to be in excess of Eden Gardens' 93,000 capacity, Border said: "I am ecstatic. It is all so fantastic. A new era has begun in Australian cricket."

Border said the fall of Allan Lamb at 218 in the 47th over was the point at which he was sure Australia were heading for victory. "I panicked a bit when Defreitas started hitting but it worked out in the end."

He said winning the toss and getting first gave his side an advantage on a pitch on which the ball kept low and took some turn in the later stages.

Border praised the performances of Mike Veletta, who made 75 not out, David Boon, man-of-the-match for his 75, and Steve Waugh. Australia's impressive all-rounder.

He said the important dismissals were those of Graham

Gooch, Mike Gatting and Lamb. Border himself dismissed Gatting with his first ball when the England captain attempted a reverse sweep.

Aussies cash in on prize

Australia collected £30,000 (\$53,400) for winning the final and with other cash payments for group victories and man-of-the-match awards their total prize money was £40,500 (\$72,090).

England received £12,000 (\$21,360) as runners-up and their total winnings amounted to £19,800 (\$35,240).

Exhibition clash set between India and Pakistan

India and Pakistan, beaten world cup semifinalists, will play an exhibition cricket match at Eden Gardens on Wednesday although Indian officials were still trying to put together a team on Sunday night.

Ranbir Singh, secretary of the Indian Cricket Board, said the original plan was for a match between the new world cup champions and a Rest of the World XI on Wednesday. But this fell through when Australia, who beat England by seven runs in Sunday's final here, said they could not play because of domestic commitments.

Rangers fail to catch First Division leaders

LONDON (AP) — Queens Park Rangers were held 0-0 by struggling Watford on Saturday and missed a chance to catch joint leaders Liverpool and Arsenal at the top of the English First Division soccer championship.

In a First Division programme cut from the regular 10 matches to just six because of England's forthcoming European Championship qualifier against Yugoslavia on Wednesday, Rangers were the only side in action among the top eight in the standings.

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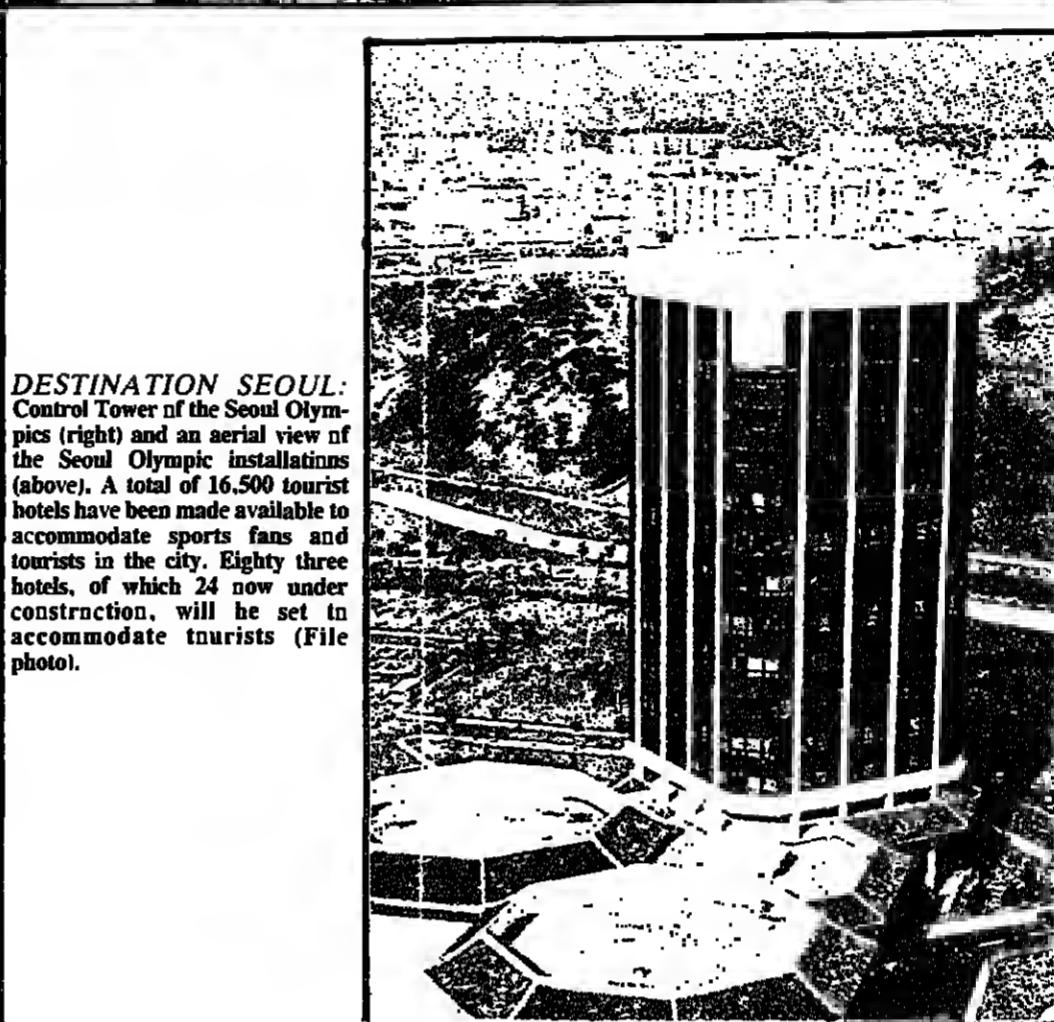
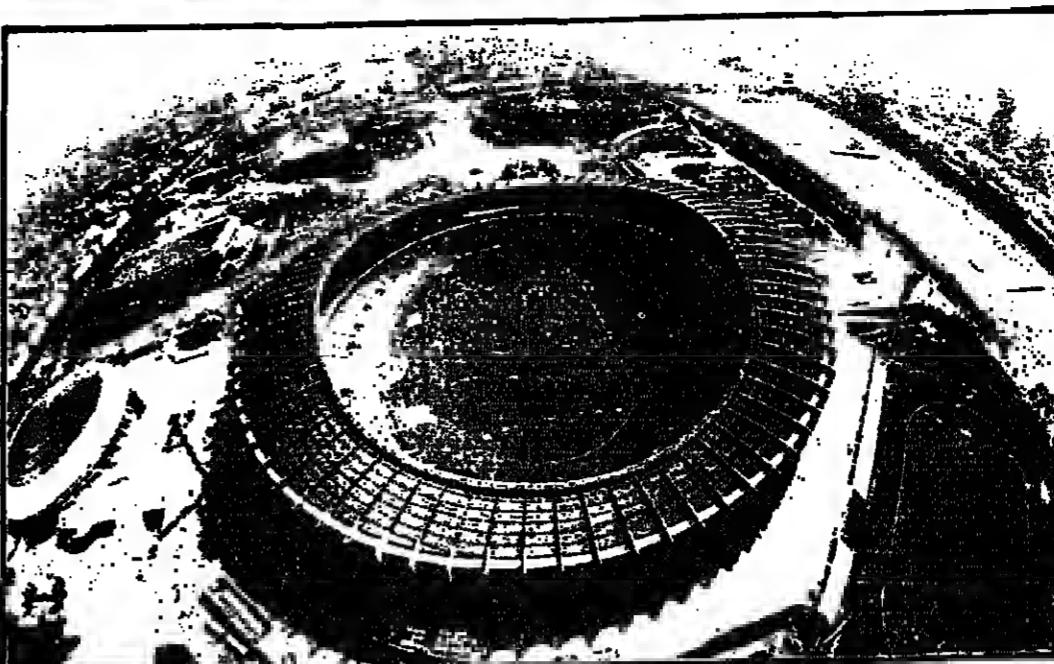
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Atletico ends Real's unbeaten run

MADRID (R) — Real Madrid, conquerors of European Cup holders Porto of Portugal on Wednesday, came down to earth with a bump on Saturday when they were thrashed 4-0 by Atletico, their less fashionable city rivals.

Real were a pale shadow of the side that have carried all before them this season, losing their unbeaten league record in front of 90,000 disbelieving fans at the Bernabeu Stadium.

Real had totted up 32 goals, eight wins and a draw in the Spanish First Division until they met their unaccommodating neighbours.

But, as coach Leo Beenhakker had said, the magic had to stop sometime.

Real's hopes of extending their unbeaten run were not helped by a rain-soaked pitch which sapped the strength of legs still tired from the club's thrilling 2-1 away victory over Porto which took them into the quarterfinals of the European Cup.

And in the 38th minute their chances were further undermined when they lost midfield强人 Milan Jankovic, sent off for dissent.

Atletico, who have become a force to be reckoned with under coach Cesar Luis Menotti this season, were well worth their victory which took them to within a point of league leaders Real.

They were ahead after only 11 minutes, Julio Salinas slipping past Jesus Solana to hammer the ball past goalkeeper Francisco Buyo.

Paulo Futre, the Portuguese international who cost Atletico \$3 million, increased the home fans' gloom when he beat two defenders to score the second in the 51st minute.

That prompted Beenhakker to bring on Paco Llorente, the man who set up the two goals against Porto and whom the crowd bad clammed up for from the start. But he could not work the magic.

Economy

Analysts warn of another stock crash

NEW YORK (R) — Wall Street will send a new jolt to Washington in the form of another stocks crash if there is no budget deficit cutting plan, analysts say, but barring that they predict a steady recovery in the market.

A wave of selling late on Friday swept Wall Street stocks into the minus column at the end of the week, down 34.48 from the previous Friday.

But some traders saw positive signs. The market has held relatively steady in the past two weeks and avoided a renewed panic — even as the dollar fell to record lows.

"The market has stabilised. If we get a budget agreement, we can recover further," said Mr. Peter Da Puzzo, head of over-the-counter trading at Shearson Lehman Brothers.

"There's a more positive one," said Mr. Thom Brown of Brichter and Singer, in Philadelphia. "That's because the Federal Reserve (Fed) has been pouring money into the system and bringing interest rates down."

The Fed's apparent easing of monetary strings to keep the nation out of recession is good news to the stock market, since the new liquidity could flow into equities.

But not all uncertainty has vanished, said analysts. If Congress and the White House fail to deliver a plan to slash the budget shortfall: "Wall Street is going to end another rocket shot over their bow," said Mr. Hugh Johnson of First Albany Corp. The rocket would be another stock lunge.

Mr. Johnson said the fear of another stock crash eventually will overwhelm political self-interest and Washington will enact budget cuts and tax hikes.

Republican legislators on Friday proposed a plan to cut the federal budget by \$75.5 billion over two years through new taxes and spending cuts, a plan that received immediate support from the White House and congressional negotiators.

"I think we're moving forward. It has been a positive day for our talks," said House Democrat Thomas Foley of Washington.

A successful pact would in turn spur U.S. trading partners to take a more cooperative spirit of loosening their own credit strings, which should avert a recession, Mr. Johnson said.

The stock market has held steady, thanks in part to easier monetary conditions. And with two weeks of steady trading at the 1,950 to 2,050 level, a number of analysts say the market has averted a "second downward leg" that was expected to carry the market below the Oct. 19 low of 1,738.74.

Mr. Johnson sees the market recovering to 2,150 to 2,200. Mr. Da Puzzo expects the recovery to carry to 2,100 to 2,200.

"The market is in the process of a 50 per cent upward retracement (of the October decline)," said Mr. Ralph Bloch, chief technical analyst for Raymond James and Associates. "The bear market is over."

Shearson's Da Puzzo said there was strong interest in secondary stocks this week, with investors betting on a wave of bargain hunting in the over-the-counter market.

The Dow's drop was 35 per cent. But many small company shares traded over the counter fell 40 per cent and more, and now they are seen as big bargains, said Mr. Da Puzzo.

"The fear syndrome occurred last month," he said. "It was so severe and so sudden, now you have the greed syndrome taking over. People want to come in quick and make money."

The market is prepared for a disappointing report on Thursday when the government reveals September trade figures. A weak trade performance has undermined the stock market for months, but now, the market is so accustomed to it that a wide deficit is unlikely to hurt much, some analysts said.

First Albany's Johnson said a favourable report — a deficit of

\$13 billion after a \$15.68 billion shortfall for August — "could be a breath of fresh air — a cause for celebration in a market that hasn't gotten much good news lately."

Ironically, the market could be hurt by further signs of economic strengthening like the report on Friday on October employment, which indicated a half million new jobs were created by a robust economy and unemployment stayed low at six per cent.

Further economic improvement could pull the plug on credit easing, and once again force the United States to place a higher priority on propping up the dollar by tightening credit.

Volcker calls 'Black Monday' a warning

Former Fed chairman, Mr. Paul Volcker said "Black Monday" crash was a warning which could lead to enhanced international financial cooperation.

"I think we've had a little warning, we haven't had a catastrophe," the former chief of the U.S. central bank told the New York Times.

He recommended supporting the dollar, rather than letting it slide, and said the U.S. budget deficit should be reduced.

In the interview, published on Saturday, Mr. Volcker said the U.S. economy had been growing for almost five years and there was "no inherent reason why it couldn't go beyond."

The economy is doing pretty well. Before this hit (the stock market crash), the last indicators were of renewed thrust, not the opposite, particularly in manufacturing, where it's particularly useful to have it," he said.

He said the state of the economy had nothing to do with the stock market crash on Black Monday or with the 30 per cent rise in stock prices in the first nine months of the year.

He said good could come out of the crash, which was felt on stock exchanges round the world.

"The fact that this has happened may help that process of international cooperation and the changes in domestic policy that are crucially needed to help the situation," he said.

Farm exports likely to profit from lower dollar

Meanwhile, agricultural economists said that a lower U.S. dollar should mean cheaper prices for American farm products abroad and an increase in foreign demand for U.S. produced goods.

"It's going to help... it will be a very positive factor for U.S. agricultural exports," said Mr. John Urbanchuk, economist for the government research corporation.

But analysts called the impact of a lower dollar a two-edged sword and said the benefits for agricultural exports could be diminished if the buying power of major U.S. customers declines and less money is spent for food imports.

The standard argument is that a lower dollar is beneficial and will cause agricultural exports to be above what they would have been," said Mr. Paul Prentice of the Washington-based consulting firm of Farm Sector Economics Associations.

"Agriculture does not have a strong income sensitivity, but it does have one. A weaker economy does mean weaker food demand," said Mr. Prentice, a former Agriculture Department economist.

Mr. Prentice said that over the next six months "it is at best a situation where (oil) prices will barely hold together and at worst will weaken."

The dollar fell sharply against other major currencies last week following remarks by Treasury Secretary James Baker in a newspaper interview that suggested the administration may be willing to let the dollar fall in order to keep interest rates low and avoid a recession.

U.S. farm goods account for a major portion of U.S. exports accounting for around 20 per cent of total American sales abroad.

Greece narrows current accounts deficit

ATHENS (AP) — Greece's current accounts deficit showed a significant improvement in the first nine months of this year, shrinking by 44 per cent to \$770 million, according to Bank of Greece figures published Saturday.

The figures showed that the current accounts deficit was contained at \$21 million for September, as compared to \$34.3 million for September 1986.

The drop resulted in a \$770 million current accounts deficit for the first nine months of 1987, against \$1,365 million, as compared to \$2.9 billion for January-September 1986.

"The results are encouraging and increase the possibility that the desired adjustment of the current accounts deficit will be achieved this year," a national economy ministry announcement said.

The drop was attributed to an increase in invisible trade — pay-

ments and receipts for services such as tourism and shipping — rather than an improvement in the trade deficit.

According to the figures, invisible resources increased by 34 per cent to \$6.5 billion, with the largest rise, 63 per cent to \$1.4 billion, coming from EC inflows. They totalled \$953 million last year.

Though payments were also up six per cent to \$2 billion, there was a 51.8 per cent increase in invisible trade receipts to give a surplus of \$4.5 billion, as compared to \$2.9 billion for January-September 1986.

The tourist industry is the country's largest foreign exchange earner, bringing in \$1.4 billion in the January-August period. Remittances from Greek emigrants and workers abroad amounted to \$838 million in the same period. There were no figures for September.

World oil executives begin debating industry's health and Gulf war today

CHICAGO (Agencies) — Concern about the global economy and an escalation of the Gulf war will be on the agenda when more than 2,000 oil industry executives meet on Monday for the annual gathering of the American Petroleum Institute (API).

The trade organisation membership will also be examining the possibility that U.S. congressional budget negotiators, attempting to trim the huge federal deficit, will use a hike in petrol taxes as one weapon, industry officials say.

is being played out, continued to be a major destabilising factor for the industry.

Many U.S. oilmen are concerned Washington's decision to protect Kuwaiti tankers could draw the United States more closely into the war, although they backed the principle of freedom of shipping in the Gulf.

They see the strengthened U.S. fleet in the Gulf and the stock market crash as twin concerns of an industry only now recovering from the sharp drop in world prices since 1985.

The fall, stemming from OPEC overproduction, was from nearly \$30 a barrel to under \$10 at one point in 1985.

Some oil producers see the possibility of a new oil glut developing and prices diving again when the Iraq-Iraq war finally ends, with both sides sharply increasing their oil production to try to repay war debts.

Iran denies price cuts

Meanwhile, Iran denied on Saturday that it was selling at below official prices oil which it admitted it was now trading on the Rotterdam spot market.

"We started Rotterdam-based sales, but we categorically deny any offer of a discount to any client," Iran's Deputy Oil Minister Hossein Kazempour Ardehili told Reuters by telephone from Tehran.

Oil traders said last week that large volumes of Iranian heavy crude were reaching Rotterdam at a delivered price of \$17.50 a barrel.

They said this was equivalent to a discount of 60 to 70 cents, compared with an official price

before transport of \$16.89 at Iran's Larak island terminal in the Gulf.

The traders said Iran needed new sales outlets to fund its war with Iraq, following the embargo which Washington imposed on its oil at the end of October.

"If Iraq's backers in the Gulf want to increase its quota, they have to give up some of their own allocations from the OPEC output ceiling of 16.6 million barrels," Ardehili said.

"But if these countries want to increase the OPEC output ceiling just to raise Iraq's quota, we will come out against it and want our share from the increased amount as well," he added.

He said Iraq's Gulf allies should agree among themselves in end Iraq's overproduction problem, without weakening market prices by increasing OPEC output.

Ardehili said the dollar had lost value since OPEC agreed last December on an \$18 per barrel benchmark price.

GCC reserves total \$205b

On reserves, a study by the National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) says that the combined reserves of the six member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) stood at an estimated \$204.7 billion last year.

NBK says the largest reserves, at \$86 billion, were held by Kuwait, followed by Saudi Arabia, with \$80 billion, the United Arab Emirates, with \$22 billion, Qatar, with \$12 billion, Oman with \$3.1 billion and Bahrain, with \$1.6 billion.

The NBK study also estimated that, as the result of lower oil revenues stemming from lower world prices, GCC governments accumulated an aggregate domestic budget deficit of \$46.2 billion during the three fiscal years 1983/4, 1984/5 and 1985/6. In 1985/6 alone, the year of the worst oil price falls, the deficit was an estimated \$19.97 billion.

IMF and Argentina reach credit agreement

WASHINGTON (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Argentina have reached a tentative agreement on a new economic programme that could shortly allow about \$1 billion in loans for the ailing debtor country, monetary sources said on Saturday.

At the same time, the treasury said a \$500 million bridge loan to assist Argentina will go forward in the next couple of days as a result of the agreement with the IMF.

A treasury spokesman, reading a formal statement, said: "We expect the bridge loan to be released in the next couple of days. The loan demonstrates broad international support for Argentina's continued economic reforms."

The loan by the United States and a number of other countries had been announced last month

but had been put on hold until the IMF and Argentina could resolve their differences.

The sources said that IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus had approved the programme presented by Argentina for coming to grips with its economic problems including high inflation.

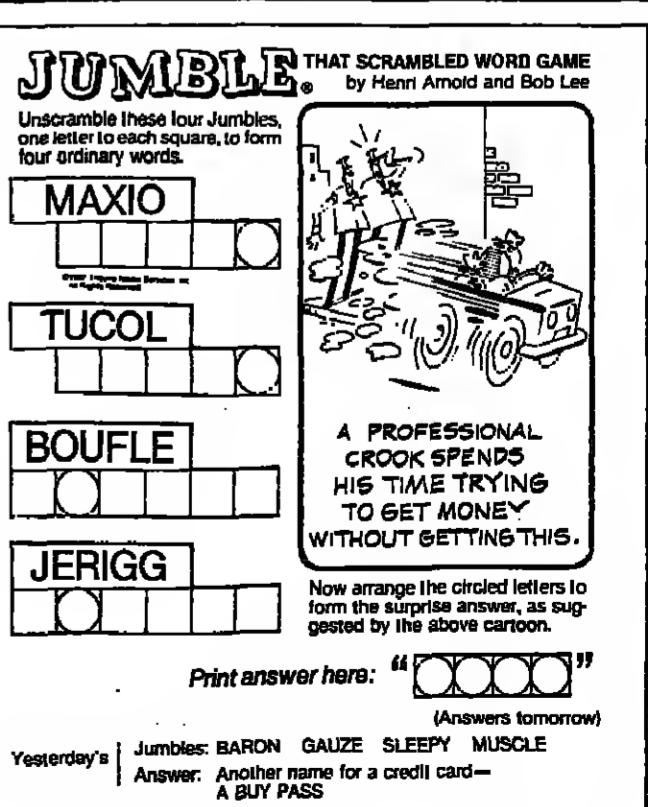
The IMF on July 23 approved a \$1.4 billion programme for Argentina and advanced some \$70 million immediately.

Argentina was to receive an additional \$215 million by the end of October from the IMF, which would then free up some \$500 million from commercial banks but this was delayed because it had not met the economic targets set by the loan agreement.

The current arrangement must still be approved by the IMF's executive board, an action that is expected to take place in about



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5 killed in fresh black violence in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Five blacks, including a 15-year-old boy, have been killed in a flare-up of violence between blacks in South Africa's troubled Natal province, police said on Sunday.

The victims died on Saturday near the provincial capital of Pietermaritzburg. Troops were deployed there last week after dozens of people were killed in weeks of vicious fighting between rival black groups.

A daily police report on political unrest said the 15-year-old was found with his throat cut at Sobantu, one of a ring of townships around the city where the fighting has been concentrated.

Nobel Peace Prizewinner Archbishop Desmond Tutu appealed last week for a truce in the clashes between the United Democratic Front (UDF), the largest anti-apartheid coalition, and the Zulu tribal group Inkatha.

Soldiers joined police last week in an effort to contain the fighting, which has claimed over 100 lives in recent weeks.

The police report said two bodies with multiple stab wounds were discovered at Pietermaritzburg's Caluza and Sinateng townships.

At Kwidangezi township on the road to the Indian Ocean port of Durban, two blacks were killed — one shot and one stabbed.

Zulu chief and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi has rejected allegations that his aides are behind the violence. He launched a personal attack on Archbishop Tutu when they met on Friday for peace talks.

The chief accused clergymen of condoning violence and ques-

tioned the impartiality of Tutu, a supporter of the UDF.

The radical UDF, with three million followers, and the conservative Inkatha, with a million members, differ on the best ways of fighting the white-led government's apartheid race policy.

"What, Archbishop Tutu, has been achieved by discussions such as we are having today?... Meaningful peace initiatives cannot be achieved by jettisoning and jettisoning out by expressing lofty sentiments," Buthelezi said, according to a text of his speech released after the talks.

Clerics could not sit on the fence about violence, he said.

"If it is justified, further it, if it is not justified, oppose it boldly and effectively and don't hide behind carefully worded... theological rejections of it," he added.

Buthelezi said the UDF was incapable of contributing to peace initiatives.

Managua hopes talks with rebels will lead to dialogue with U.S.

MANAGUA (R) — Nicaraguan Vice President Sergio Ramirez said on Saturday he hoped the recently agreed ceasefire talks between his government and contra rebels would lead to direct dialogue with the United States.

Mr. Ramirez reiterated Sandinista government claims that talks with Washington, chief backer of about 12,000 contras, were necessary for ending the conflict that has claimed over 40,000 lives.

"We carry on insisting on the need for bilateral dialogue between Nicaragua and the United States," Mr. Ramirez said.

Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, architect of the Central American peace plan that called for the ceasefire, had promised to petition Washington for U.S.-Nicaraguan talks if the left-wing Sandinistas first agreed to direct talks with the contras.

Nicaragua's ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) and the right-wing rebels agreed on Friday to their first peace talks since the fighting began in 1982.

The talks are to be mediated by Catholic Church Primate Cardinal Miguel Obando Y. Bravo, a staunch critic of the Sandinistas.

"We hope President Arias, in whose word we have always trusted, will move forward with the efforts he promised and which we think will be of benefit," Mr. Ramirez told reporters after a meeting with visiting U.S. senators, who are monitoring progress toward peace.

Nicaragua previously held several rounds of talks with U.S. officials in late 1984 and early 1985 but the meetings in the Mexican town of Manzanillo broke off with Washington accusing the Sandinistas of intransigence.

Democratic Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut said: "I think there's a point at which the United States would have to participate in security talks," he told reporters.

Republican Senator John McCain of Arizona said he was "very, very cautiously optimistic," but disappointed that the Sandinistas had rejected face-to-face negotiations, an amnesty for political prisoners and lifting a five-year-old state of emergency.

"We have to drain the ponds," Mariano said. "We will adopt the enemy's own techniques of controlling harbors (villages). We will fight for control of all harbors nationwide."

He said the counter-insurgency programme was prepared with the help of former rebel leader Victor Corpus, a soldier who defected to the NPA in 1970.

In Washington, President Ronald Reagan said Saturday that budget constraints may limit what the United States can do for the Philippines but urged businesses to invest there and warned Congress not to skimp on his aid requests.

U.S. envoy urges new U.N. vote for Soviet pullout from Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A top U.S. diplomat, speaking on the eve of the annual General Assembly debate on Afghanistan, urged the world body Sunday to vote for the ninth straight year for early withdrawal of 120,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

The speech by Ambassador Herbert S. Okun, deputy permanent U.S. representative, showed no sign of a softening of the U.S. position on Afghanistan prior to the U.S.-Soviet summit in Washington next month.

"A political settlement must be based on the prompt and com-

plete withdrawal of Soviet troops and self-determination for the people of Afghanistan," Mr. Okun said in a speech to the Afghanistan Relief Committee.

In remarks prepared for delivery, Mr. Okun said that neither the Soviet Union nor the Soviet-backed government of Najibullah in Kabul are taking significant steps to bring about a Soviet withdrawal or genuine national reconciliation.

He said that while the Soviet Union professes its intention to withdraw, "there has been little evidence... that (it) has done

anything to translate words into deeds."

Soviet troops intervened in Afghanistan in December 1979 to prop up a Soviet-installed Marxist government and have been battling U.S.-backed anti-Communist insurgents ever since. For eight consecutive years since the intervention, the U.N. General Assembly has voted by an overwhelming majority for the immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops.

The ninth annual debate begins Monday and a vote is expected Tuesday or Wednesday.

Dhaka University, colleges closed ahead of protests

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — The government has ordered Dhaka University and other colleges closed beginning Sunday in a move apparently aimed at preventing students from participating in planned protests to oust President Hussain Mohammad Ershad.

The government late Saturday announced that Dhaka University, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and all other colleges would remain closed for one week. It asked students to vacate their dormitories by Sunday afternoon.

The government announcement, released by its Press Information Department, gave no reason for the closure. But opposition student sources said it was aimed at thwarting student

participation in a planned "siege" of the capital Tuesday to protest the ruling government.

Bangladesh's mainstream opposition, spearheaded by popular opposition figures Sheikh Hasina and Khaleda Zia, plan to bring at least one million people from outside the capital to carry out the siege on the day Gen. Ershad completes the first year of his civilian rule.

Gen. Ershad, 57, seized power in a military coup in March 1982. He lifted martial law on Nov. 10, 1986, one month after he was elected to the presidency in an election boycotted by the opposition.

Opposition-backed student groups condemned the government for the closure of the schools.

Papandreou: No bases unless they serve Greek interests

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Premier Andreas Papandreou said Saturday that four American military bases here will be shut down if the United States fails to prove they serve Greece's national interests.

"You have to prove to us that your presence serves our highest national interests," Mr. Papandreou said. "If you prove it, we will go to the people, if you don't, you'll go home."

The premier made his remarks two days before U.S.-Greek negotiations on the future of the military installations. He was addressing 140 members of his ruling Panhellenic Socialist Movement's (PASOK) Central Committee.

The talks, to begin Monday, concern a new agreement that would replace a five-year accord that expires in December 1988. A new agreement would be subject to a national referendum.

"What exactly do the bases offer us today as far as the real danger from Turkey is concerned?" Mr. Papandreou asked.

Mr. Papandreou has repeatedly singled out Turkey as Greece's major external threat.

The bases are a key issue for Mr. Papandreou's government, which came to power in 1981 on an anti-Western platform pledging to remove the bases and pull the country out of NATO.

Since the early 1950s, the United States has operated four military bases in Greece — two near Athens and two on the southern island of Crete — as well as 20 smaller installations around the country.

American officials have said they are interested in drafting a new agreement by the end of 1987 and would like to keep regional politics out of the talks.

The American side has expressed fears that negotiations laden with regional issues could be dragged on well into 1988 for domestic as well as for foreign political reasons.

Mr. Papandreou said the negotiations would be conducted on a "zero base" level, working on the assumption that the bases did not exist on Greek soil.

"We will start (the negotiations) as you (the Americans) had nothing in Greece," Mr. Papandreou said. He added:

"For everything you propose, we want you to prove... what contribution this has to the national security of the country. What it offers to you is your own business."

The question of drug use has become an issue because the revelation that President Ronald Reagan's Supreme Court nominee Douglas Ginsburg had smoked marijuana in the same period forced him to withdraw, dealing a severe embarrassment to Mr. Reagan.

Use and possession of marijuana in the United States is against the law.

Democratic contenders for the White House race former Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt, 49, and Tennessee Senator Albert Gore, 39, told reporters that they had never used drugs, but that youthful indiscretions should not automatically disqualify any-

Filipino military adopts new anti-rebel strategy

MANILA (Agencies) — The military said it had adopted new strategies to combat Communist insurgents in every village in the Philippines and warned that the rebels planned to step up urban violence.

Military, political and economic plans to combat the 18-year-old insurgency were approved at a meeting of the military high command attended by President Corazon Aquino and 110 senior army commanders on Saturday, the military said.

"The (military) is confident that, with the support of the people, the government will gain substantial headway against the (Communist New People's Army) in 1988 and defeat it," Armed Forces Chief General Fidel Ramos told reporters after Saturday's conference.

"Suppose somebody would like to kill you, you have to protect yourself," Sin said.

The military has encouraged the formation of vigilantes in Manila following the wave of assassinations in and around the capital.

Most of the victims have been soldiers and policemen and three were Americans, including two servicemen who were shot dead in street ambushes outside the U.S. Clark Air Base.

Since the killings, U.S. soldiers have mounted security patrols in communities around Clark.

Right-wing opposition leader Juan Ponce Enrile on Sunday denounced the U.S. patrols as "an incursion into Philippine sovereignty, an insult to the military and the government."

Mr. Enrile, in an interview published in the Independent newspaper, also protested at the arrival of the U.S. aircraft carrier Midway at the U.S. Subic Naval Base near Manila.

In Washington, President Ronald Reagan said Saturday that budget constraints may limit what the United States can do for the Philippines but urged businesses to invest there and warned Congress not to skimp on his aid requests.

Indian troops reportedly kill 11 rebels in Jaffna

COLOMBO (R) — Indian troops trying to disarm Tamil guerrillas in Sri Lanka killed 11 rebels in the northern Jaffna peninsula, newspapers reported on Sunday.

The Weekend newspaper said the Indian Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) started the battle by firing at Indian soldiers guarding a harbour at Kankesanthurai on Saturday.

More than 20,000 Indian troops have been posted to Sri Lanka to disarm the Tigers and other groups opposed to a July 29 peace accord aimed at ending four years of violence between minority Tamils and majority Sinhalese.

All-India Radio said Indian troops captured a Tigers stronghold at Point Pedro in the peninsular on Sunday after reports that the Marxist JVP, which draws its support from the south, may launch fresh attacks this week in the capital.

Ginsburg withdraws after drug controversy

WASHINGTON (R) — In a major embarrassment for President Reagan, his second nominee for the Supreme Court, Judge Douglas Ginsburg, has withdrawn amid controversy over his past use of marijuana.

In a brief statement to reporters at the White House on Saturday, Judge Ginsburg said he had asked Mr. Reagan to withdraw amid controversy over his past use of marijuana.

Judge Ginsburg had disclosed on Thursday that he had occasionally smoked marijuana in the 1960s and 1970s. Such use was illegal though widely tolerated.

On Friday, Mr. Reagan had proposed a replacement. A senior White House official said a new nominee would be proposed next week.

It was the second bitter and embarrassing setback for Mr. Reagan in his quest to put a conservative in the Supreme Court seat vacated by Judge Lewis Powell.

Judge Ginsburg had disclosed on Thursday that he had occasionally smoked marijuana in the 1960s and 1970s. Such use was illegal though widely tolerated.

"He was not an addict," Mr. Reagan said, adding that many people had experimented with drugs during that period.

But the disclosure was especially embarrassing for Mr. Reagan because his wife Nancy has long led a vigorous "just say no" crusade against drug use.

Judge Ginsburg said the Reagan's deserve enormous credit for leading the fight against drug use."

"I fully support their effort and I hope that the young people of this country, including my own daughters, will learn from my mistake and heed their message," he said.

Sen. Gore said he used the drug while a student at Harvard University and during army service in Vietnam.

"It was not a big part of my life and has not been for 12 years," said Sen. Gore.

"I tried marijuana, I wish I had not," he added.

Sen. Gore said his wife Tipper, a key figure in a campaign against explicitly sexual rock music lyrics, has also tried marijuana.

Several other presidential candidates campaigning here said they had never used drugs, but that youthful indiscretions should not automatically disqualify any-

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Boy loses \$36,000 in stock crash

LONDON (AP) — A 15-year-old boy built up a stock portfolio worth £100,000 (about \$180,000) and then lost an estimated £20,000 (\$36,000) when the stock market crashed, British media reports said Saturday. The London Times said the boy had amassed a paper fortune on the London Stock Exchange by passing himself off as a young businessman, using market jargon gleaned from economics classes. But the alleged charade came to light when the market's steep decline over the past three weeks, the Times and other media said. The companies are now said to be trying to collect on the debt, possibly from the boy's parents.

The Daily Mail identified the boy as Christopher Peach of Derby Dale, a town in the central England county of Derbyshire. The newspaper quoted his father, Leonard, as saying: "I don't know what is going to happen. The whole thing has blown up in our faces."

Separated siamese twin returns home

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Prissana Northington, one of a pair siamese twins surgically separated in 1955, wept Saturday as she told of returning to her native Thailand and meeting with the parents she hadn't seen in 32 years. Prissana, 34, returned to Thailand for the first time Thursday since she left for the operation at the University of Chicago's Billings Hospital. The twins, born to a poor farmer in northeastern Thailand, were adopted by Florence Atkinson, an American volunteer who took them to the United States for the operation. Prissana now works as a secretary in Mission Viejo, California, and is married to an American. Her twin, Napit, also stayed on in the United States. On Friday, Prissana met her father, Nak Polpinyo, 67, and her mother, Chuan, 58, in a reunion arranged by the Oriental Hotel. She also met her younger brother and sister for the first time. At a press conference at the hotel, a weeping Prissana said of the reunion: "It was hard to see them, and it's hard to describe it when you have been adopted and taken by wonderful parents and come back and see your biological family, and always hope in your heart that things are going well for them."

Hitler's typewriter, letters auctioned

MUNICH, West Germany (Agencies) — An unidentified collector has paid about \$60,000 for a portable typewriter on which auctioneers said Adolf Hitler wrote Mein Kampf and for a signed first edition of the book. The two items, auctioned with some of Hitler's letters, were supplied by the family of the Nazi dictator's secretary and close friend Emil Maurice.

A spokesman for the Hermann Historica auction house said documents exist which prove the typewriter's authenticity. Hitler gave the machine to Maurice as a present in 1925 to thank him for his help with writing Mein Kampf, his strategy for world domination. Hitler dedicated the first edition of the book, published in Munich, to Maurice.

Separately was a landscape painting done by Hitler before he came to power, which went for 15,000 marks (\$8,823), the auctioners said. Hitler as a young man tried to make a living as a professional artist. Also sold separately were pieces of furniture from Hitler's mountain retreat in Bavaria and from the Nazi chancellery in Berlin. A white porcelain ink blotter was bought for 10,000 marks (\$5,882). The Hitler memorabilia were among more than 6,000 historical items — including antique weapons and armour from all over the world — sold Saturday night.

Sinatra not to perform in S. Africa

HARARE (R) — American Entertainer Frank Sinatra has pledged never to perform again in South Africa or its black homelands until apartheid has been abolished, a senior Nigerian official has said. Major-General Joseph Garba, chairman of the U.N. Special Committee Against Apartheid, read out at a news conference in Harare extracts from a letter written by Sinatra to the committee two weeks ago. In it,